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THERE'S A REAL COMFORT IN BEING A NOBODY LIKE ME, MASTER GRIFFIN.

AS LONG AS I DO MY JOB, EVERYONE LEAVES ME ALONE.

I RECOMMEND TRYING A LIKE-MINDED APPROACH, SIR.

I DID NOT ASK YOU FOR YOUR COUNSEL, LOGI.

I PREFER THAT WE WALK IN SILENCE.



AS A SERVANT OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF ELVES, I HAVE SEEN A GREAT MANY LEADERS COME AND GO.

YOU DON'T SEEK MY COUNSEL, BUT YOU SHOULD.



DESPITE ALL MY EXPERIENCE, I WILL MAINTAIN THE SAFE SHELTER OF BEING A NOBODY.

PRINCES LIKE YOU FIND GLORY, BUT AT A PRICE.

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?



BECAUSE I CAN SENSE YOUR UNCERTAINTY, SIR.

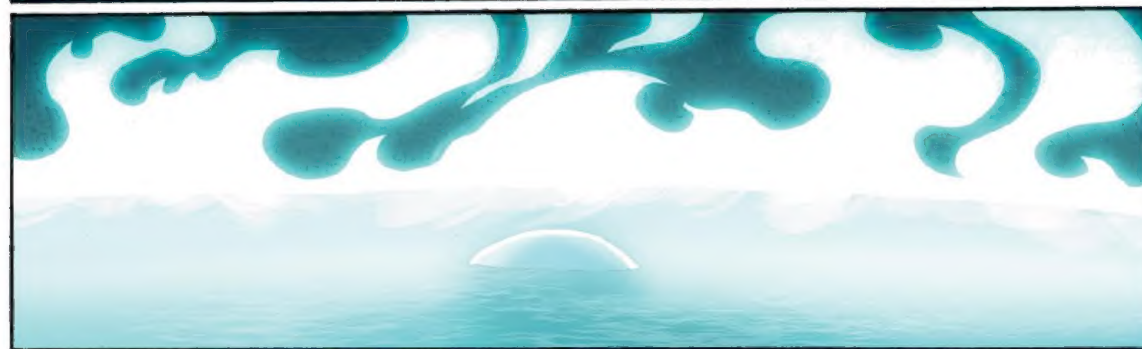
I SENSE A TERRIBLE DECISION TO BE MADE.

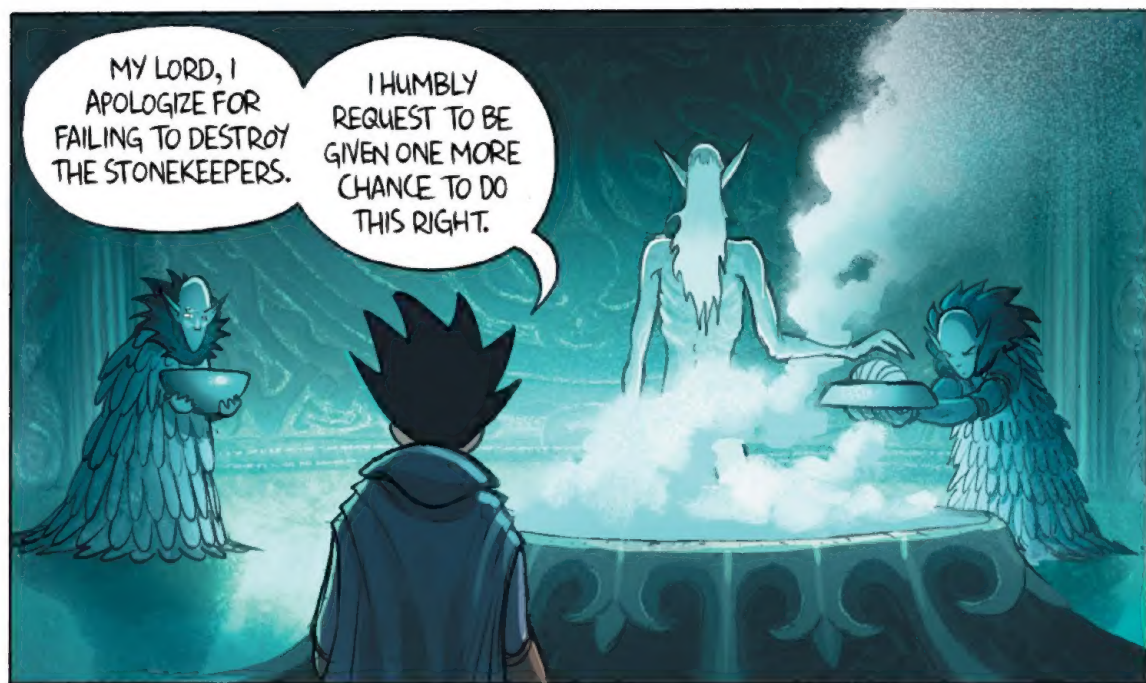
IT IS THE FEELING THAT PORTENDS A CATAclySMIC EVENT.



LOGI, ARE YOU QUESTIONING MY LOYALTY TO THE NATION OF ELVES?

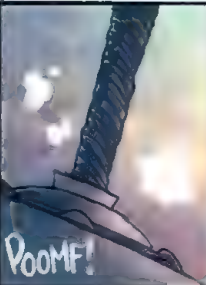
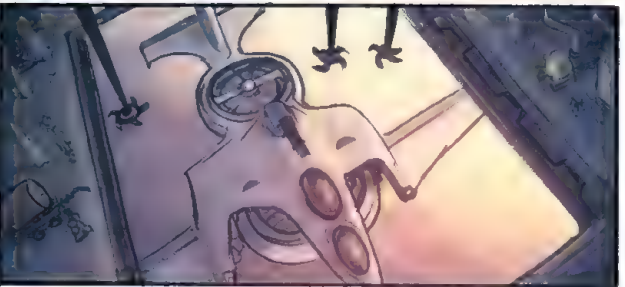
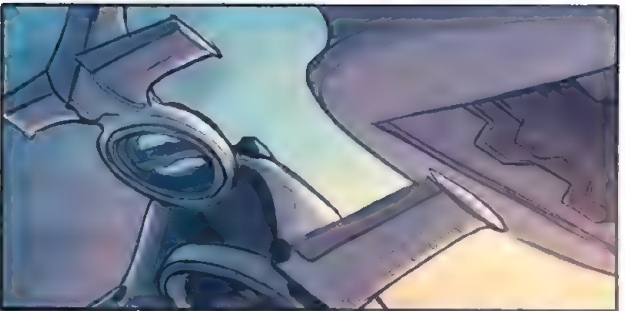
IN ALL THE YEARS WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER, HAVE I EVER DONE THAT, SIR?

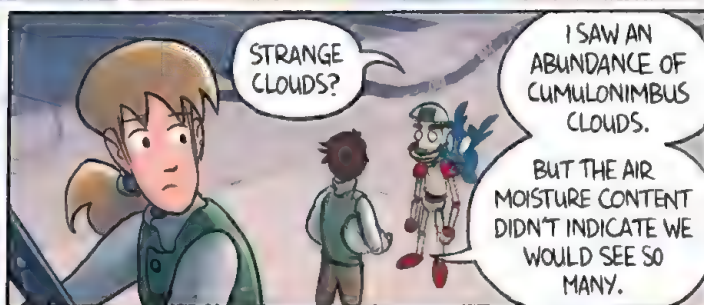
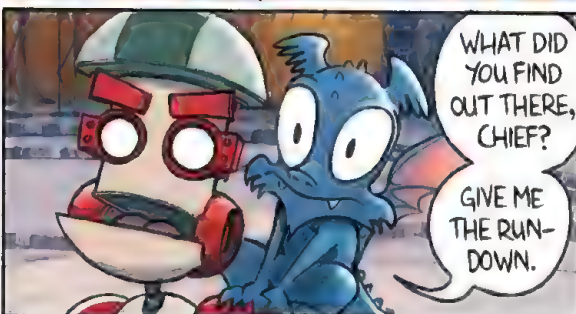


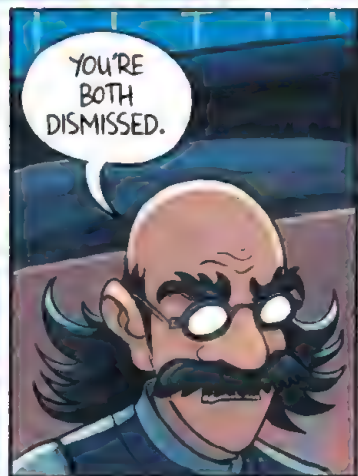
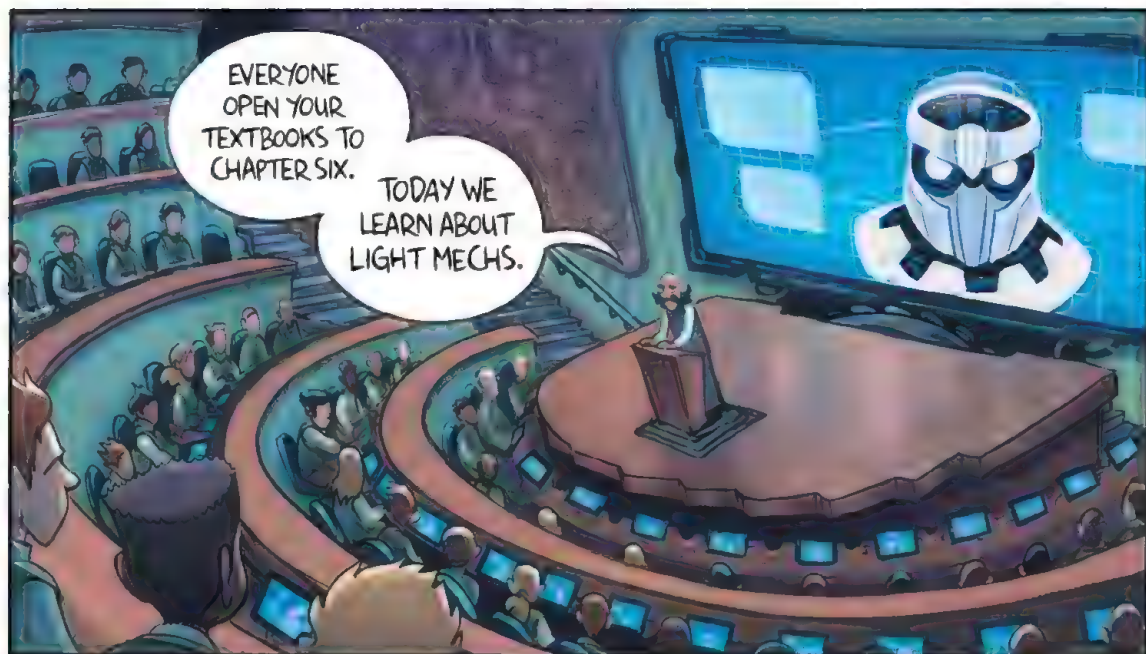


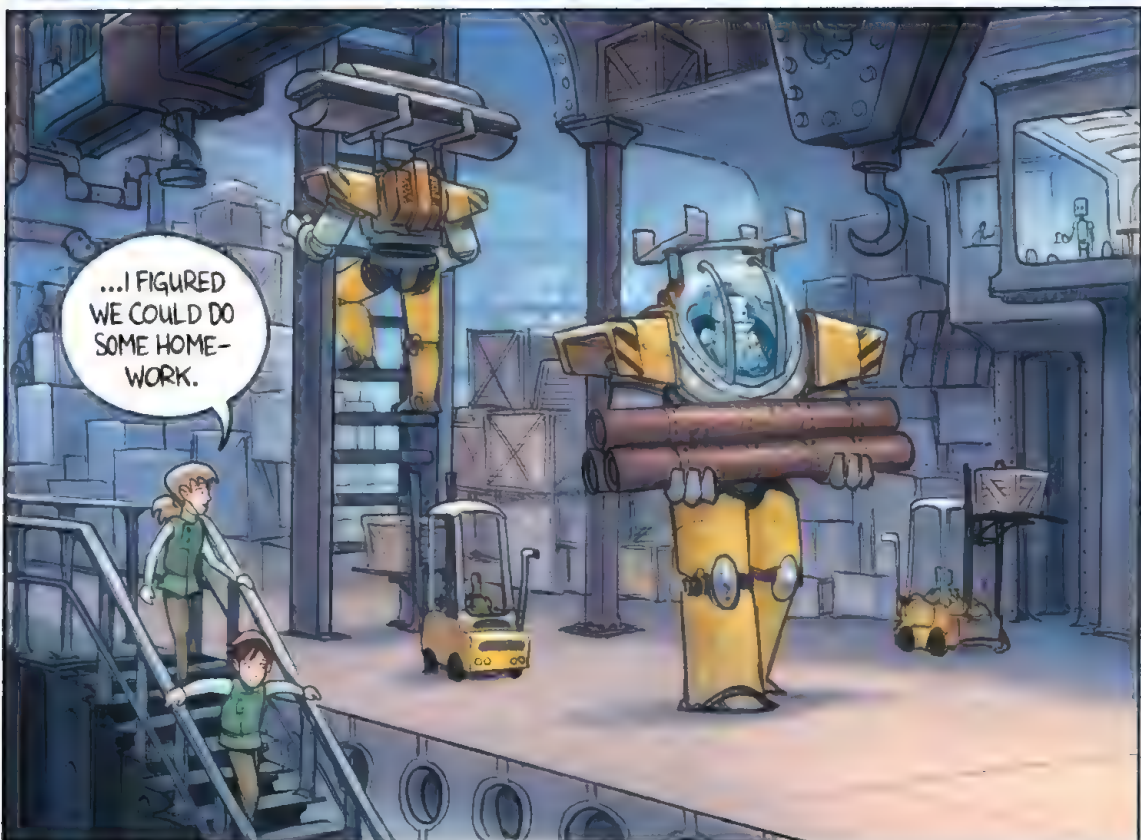
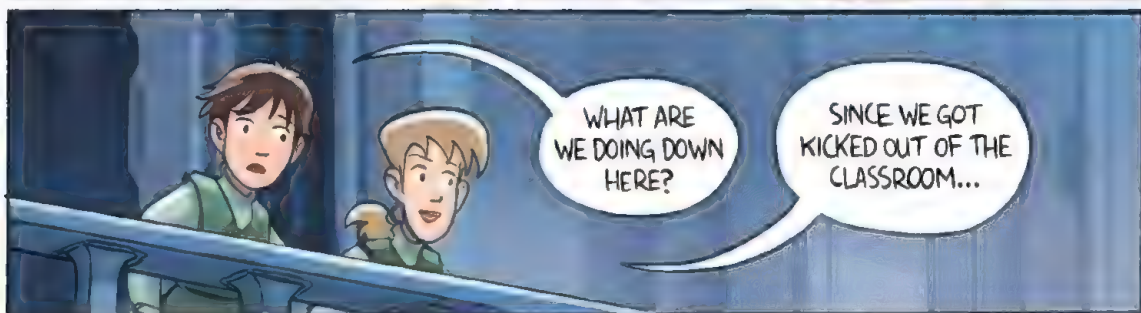


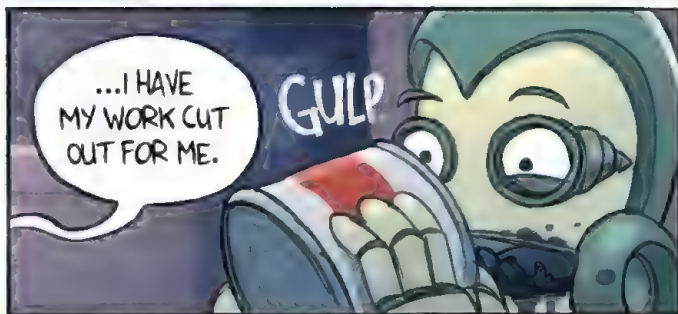
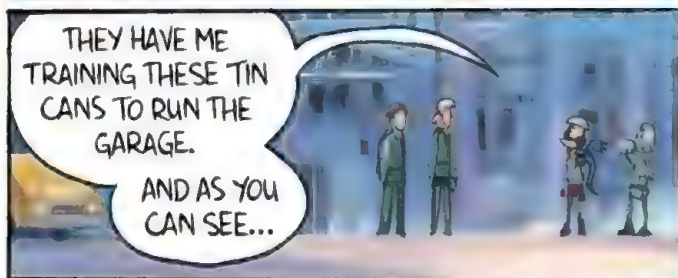
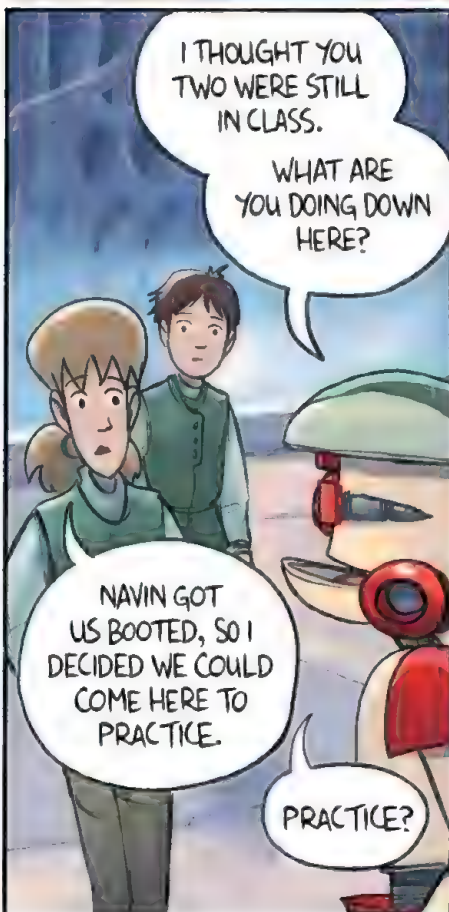
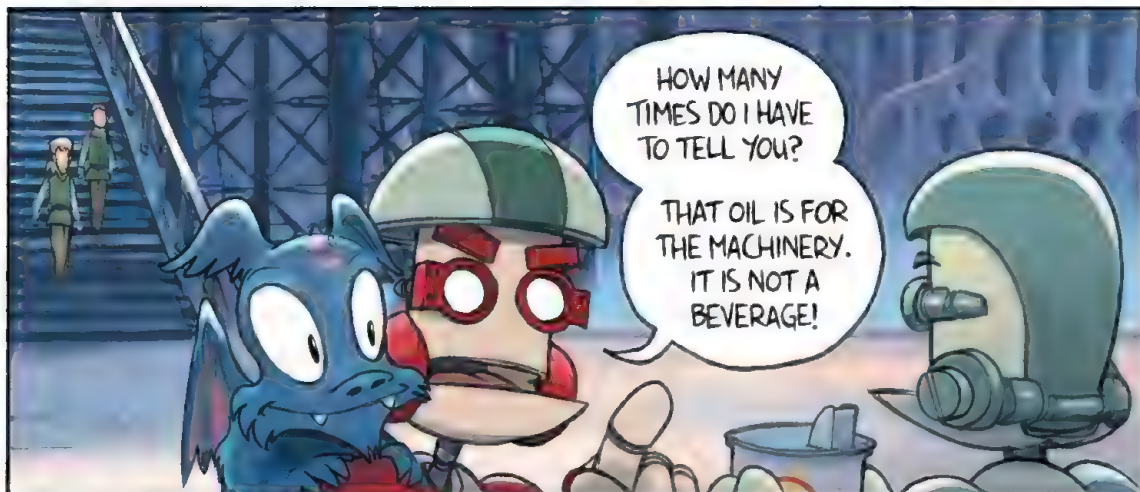


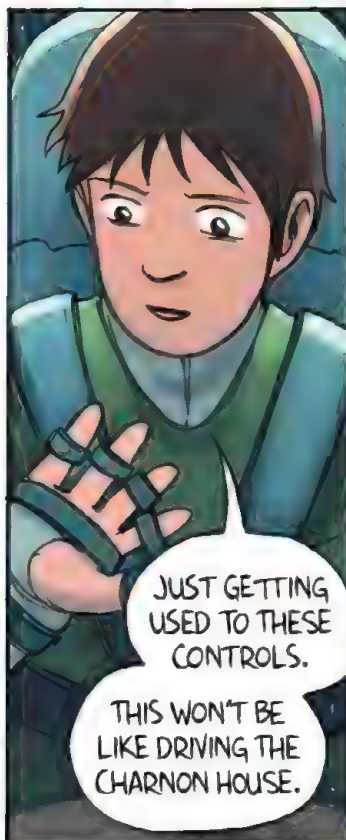
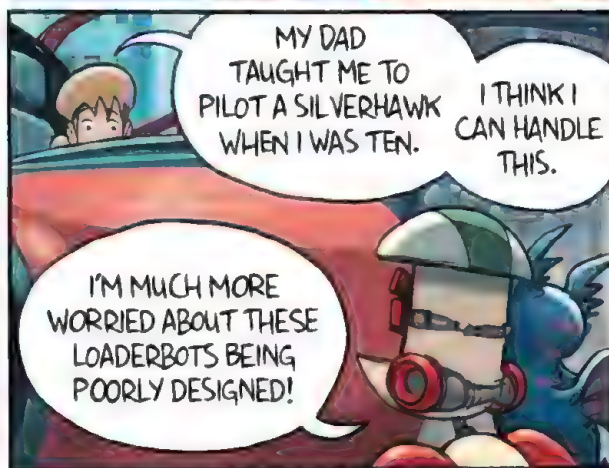
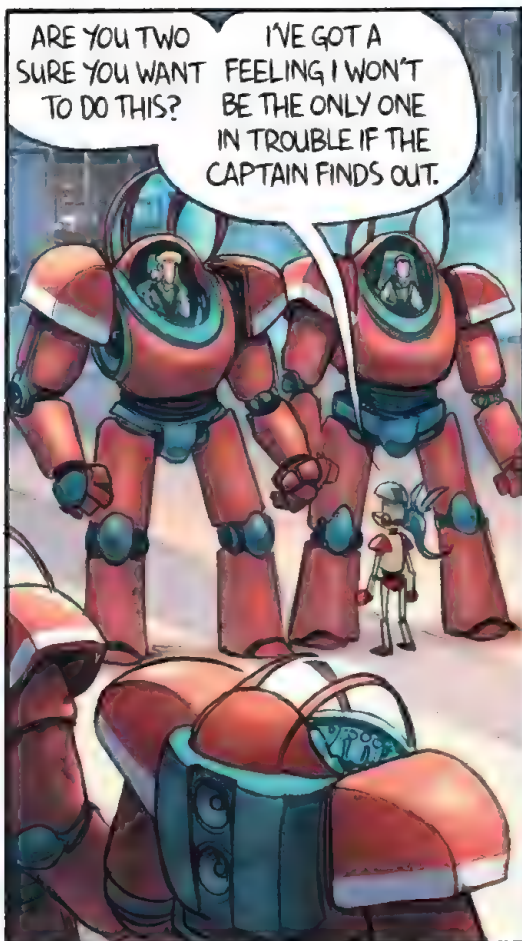


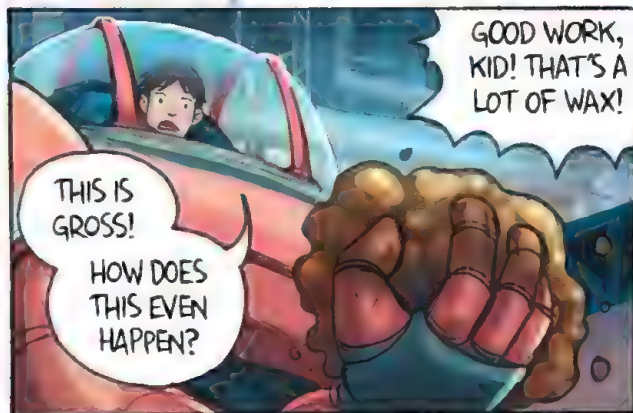
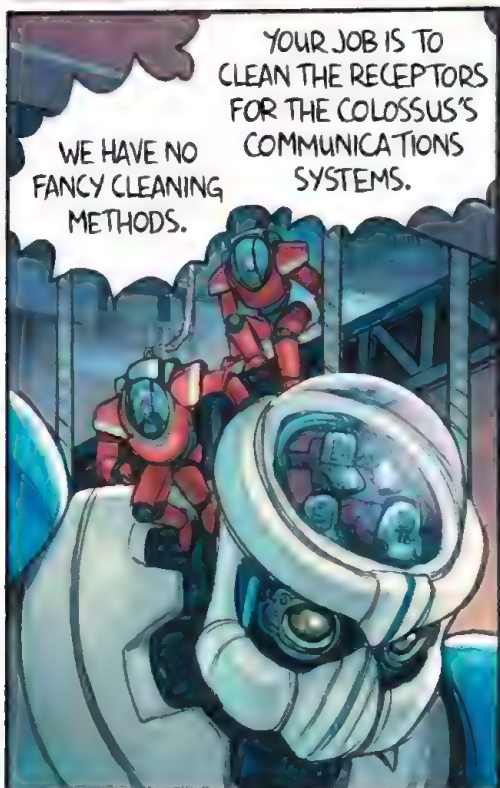
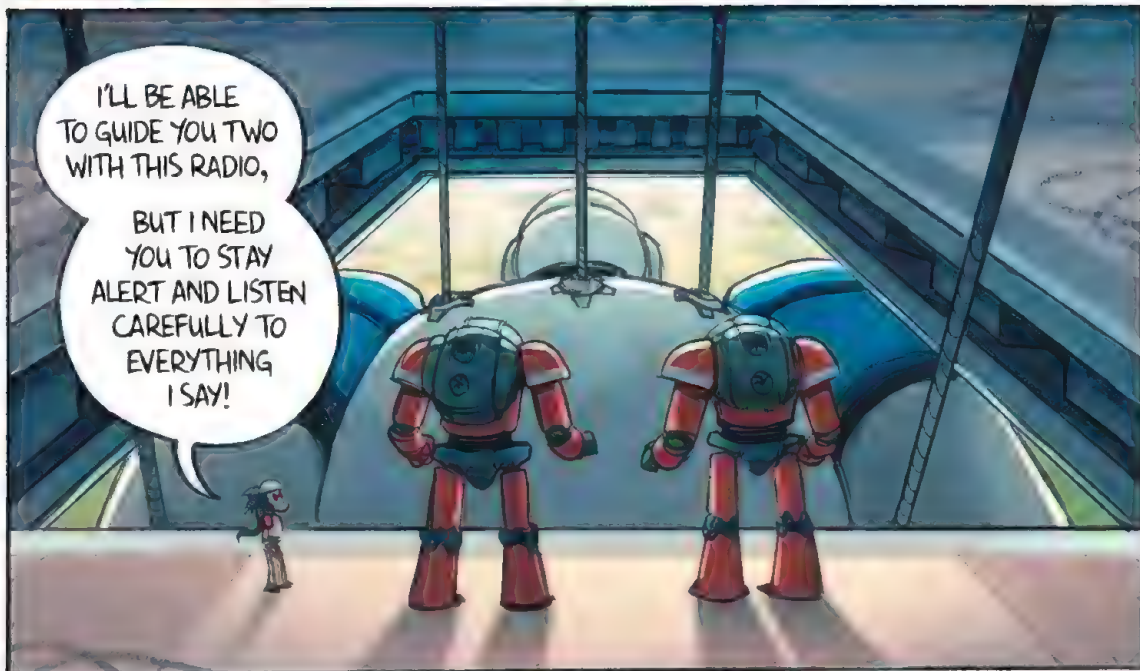


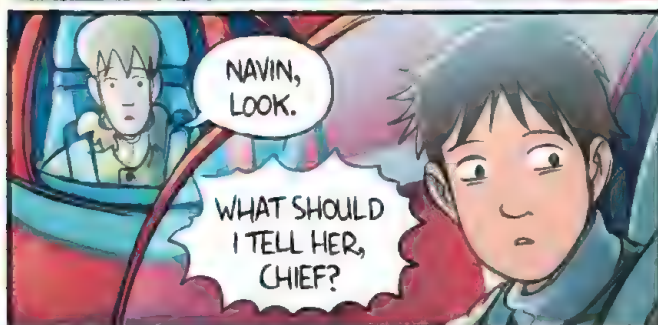


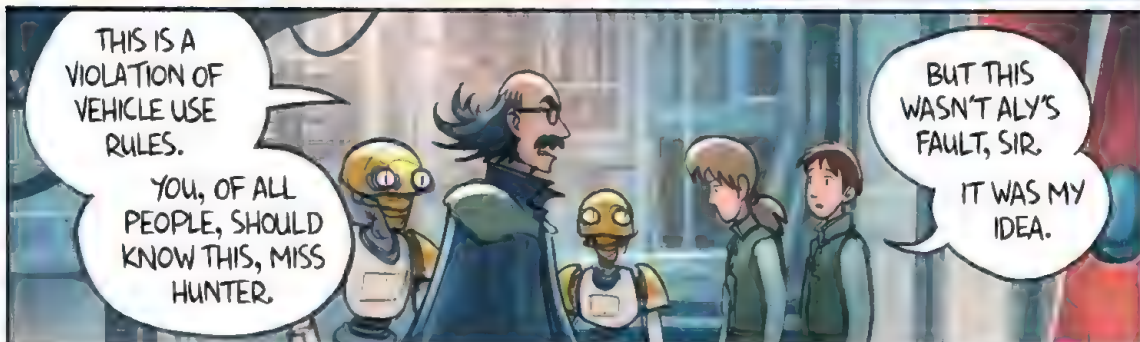




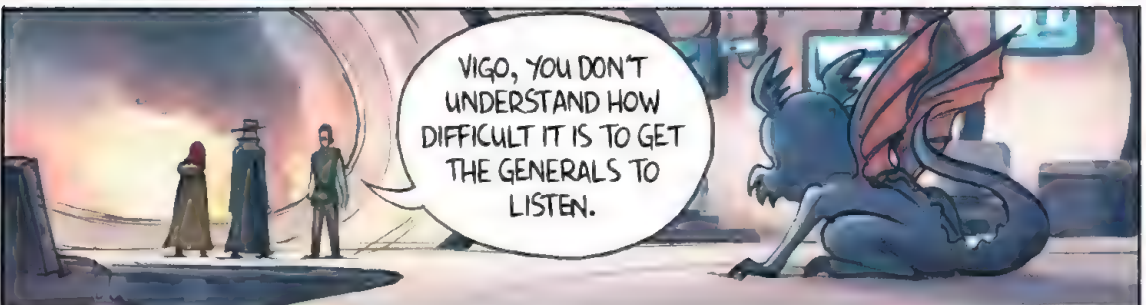


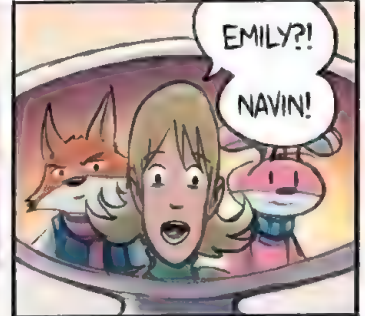
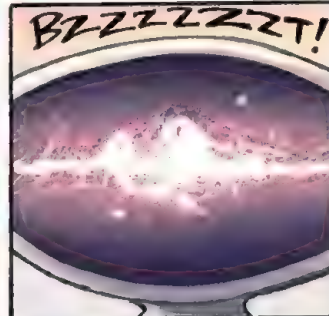
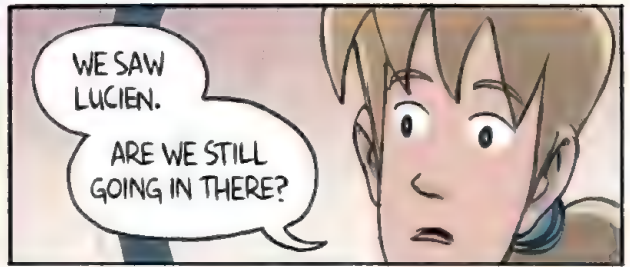


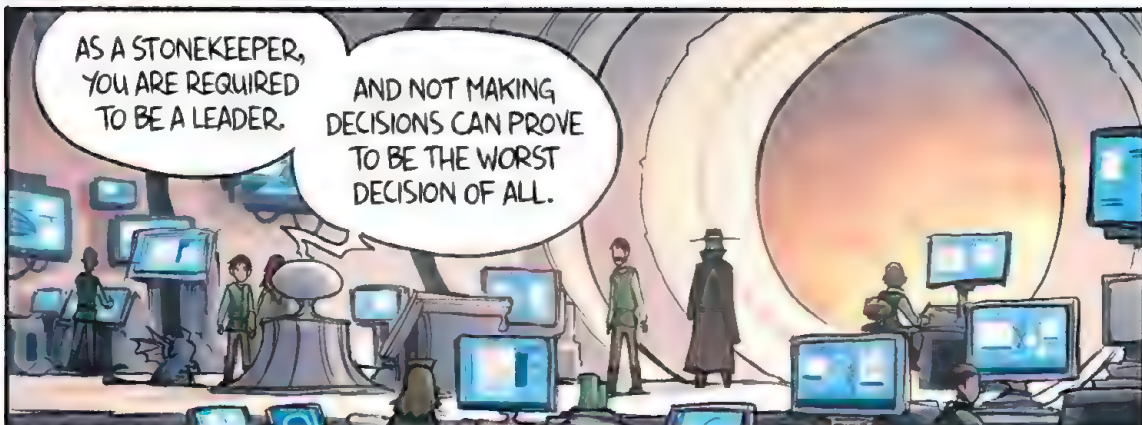
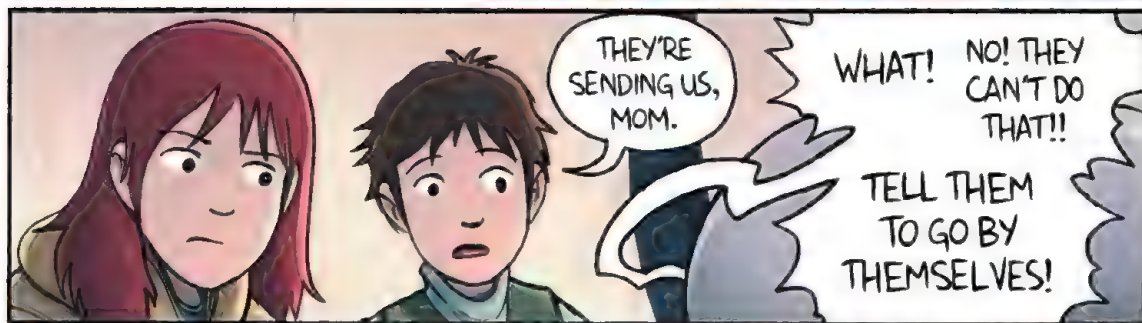
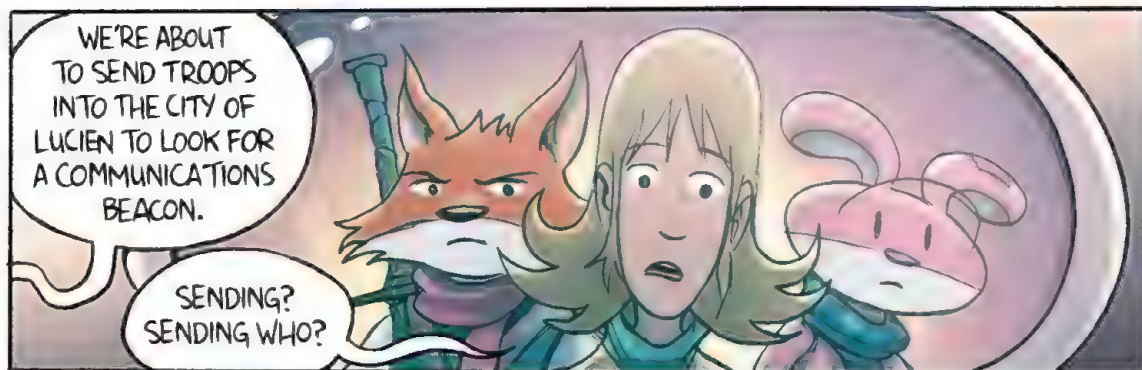








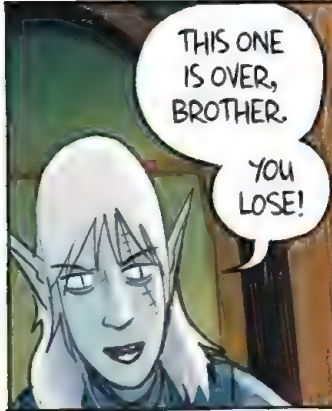






OKAY,
LUGER.

I MIGHT BE
THE WORST OTHELLO
PLAYER YOU EVER
WENT UP AGAINST,
BUT I THINK
I GOT YOU THIS
TIME.

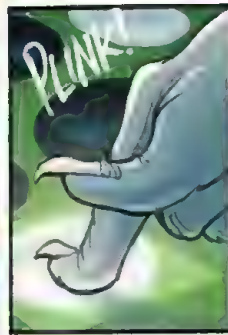


THIS ONE
IS OVER,
BROTHER.

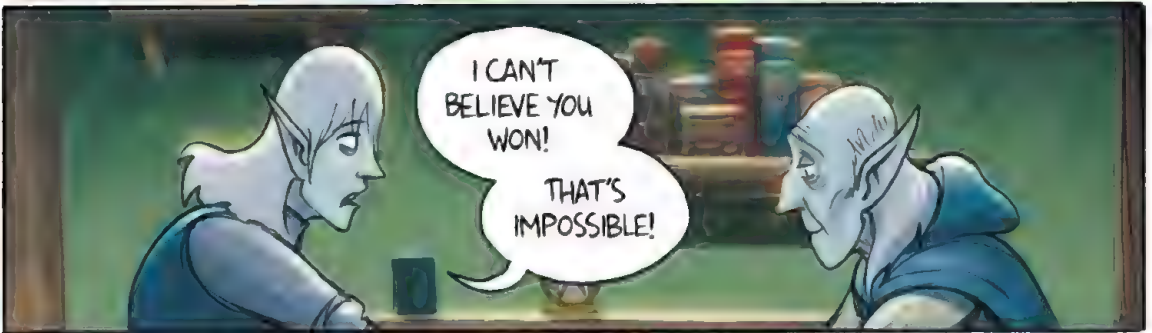
YOU
LOSE!



THIS IS WHY I
LIKE THIS GAME.
SO I CAN SEE THE
FACE YOU'RE
MAKING NOW--



--AND MAKE
IT GO AWAY.



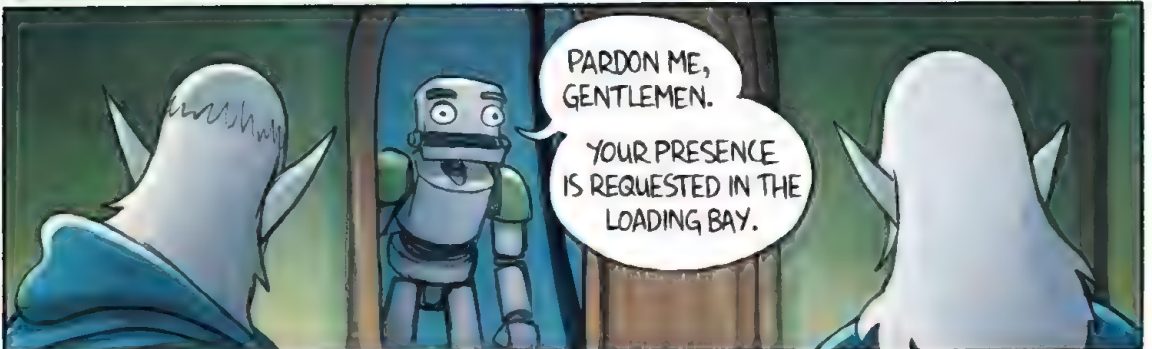
I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
WON!

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!



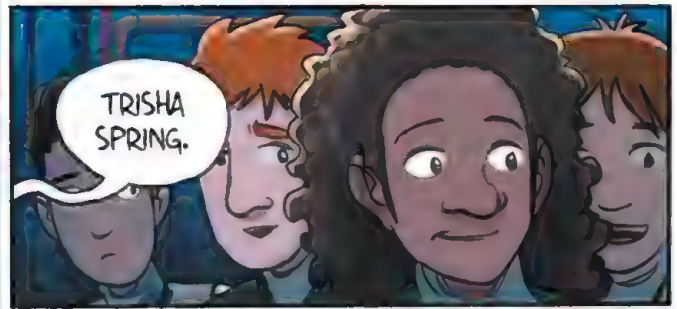
IF THERE'S ONE
THING YOU TAUGHT
ME, LITTLE
BROTHER,

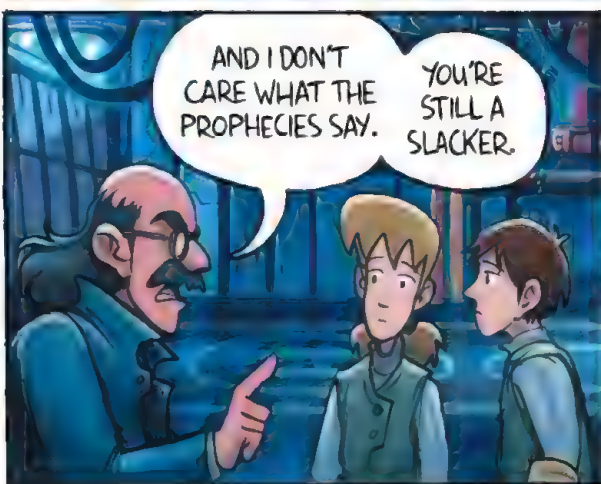
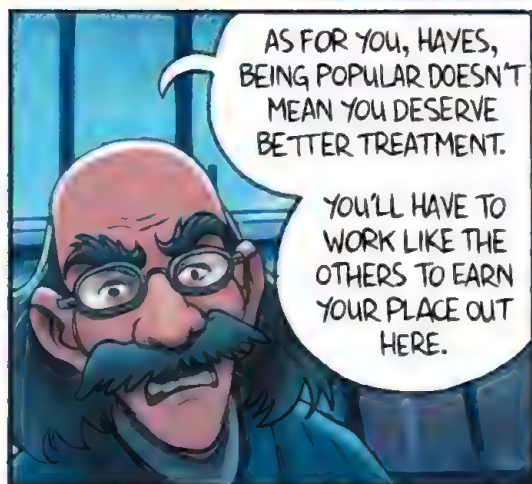
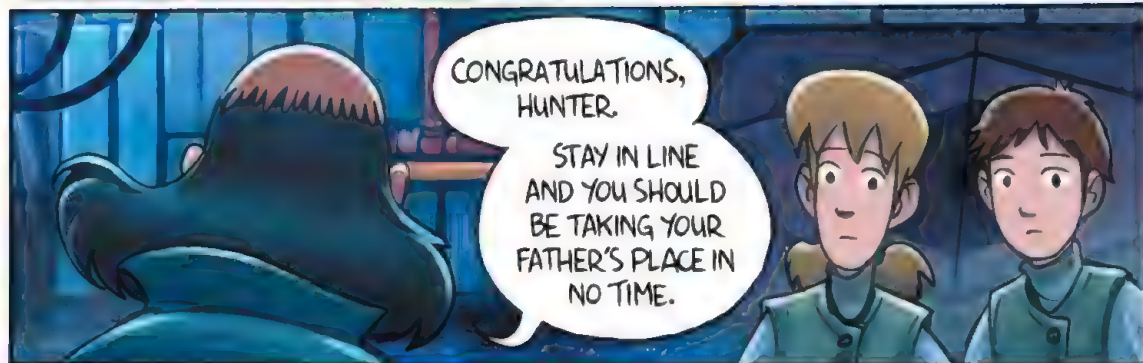
IT'S THAT YOU'RE
NEVER TOO LATE TO
TURN THINGS
AROUND.



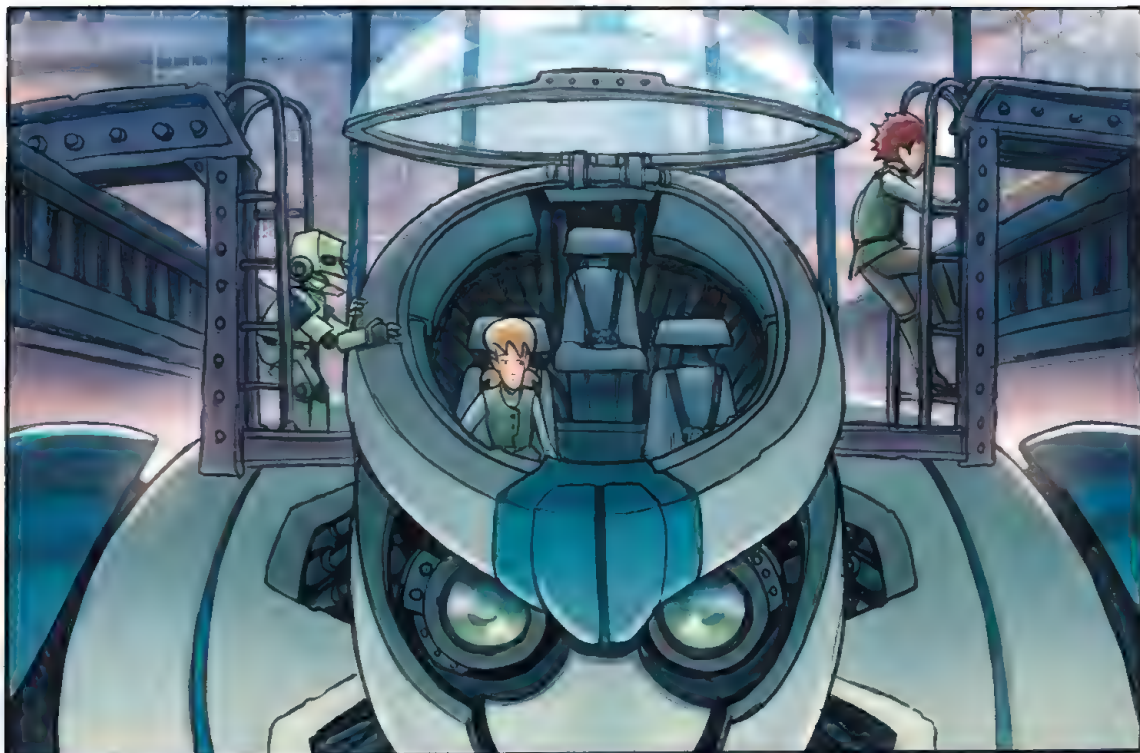
PARDON ME,
GENTLEMEN.

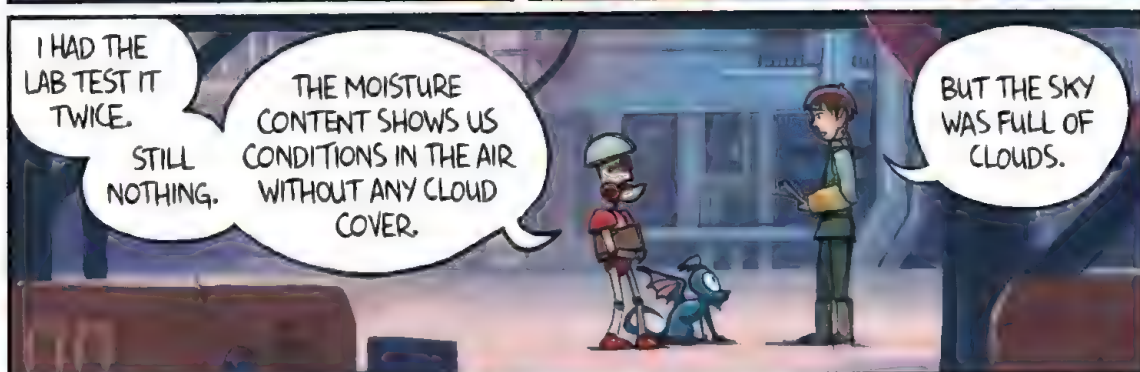
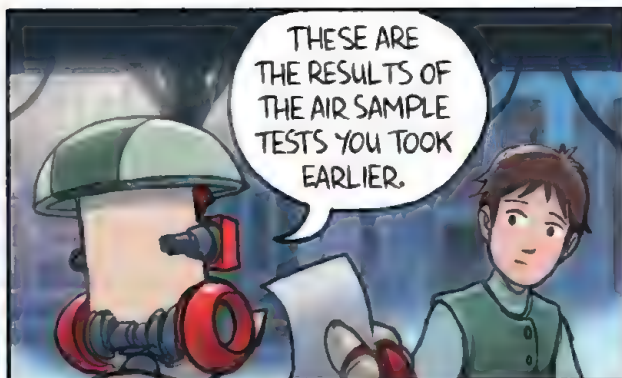
YOUR PRESENCE
IS REQUESTED IN THE
LOADING BAY.

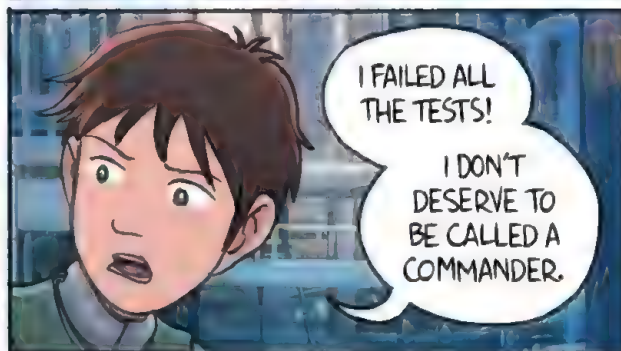


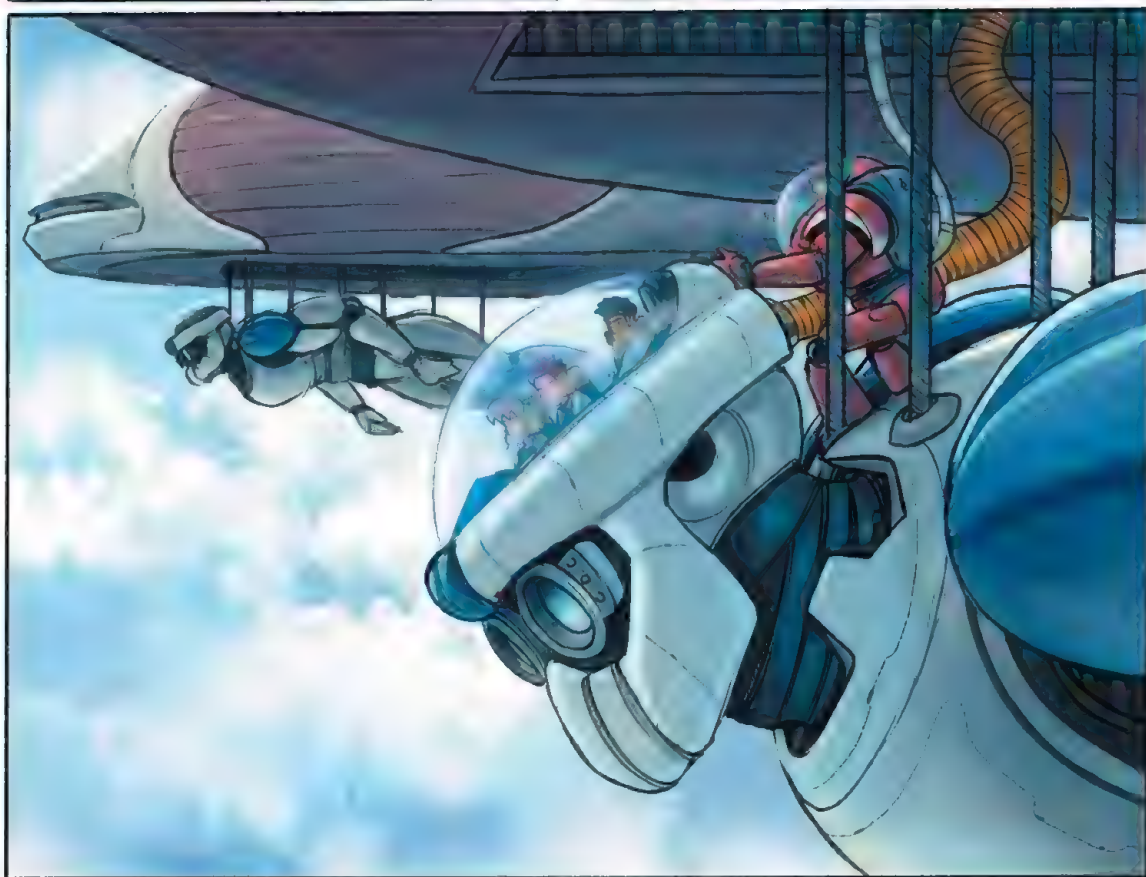
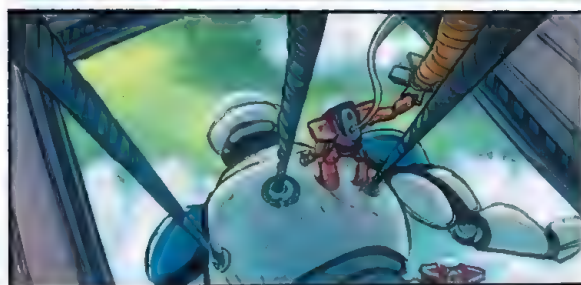


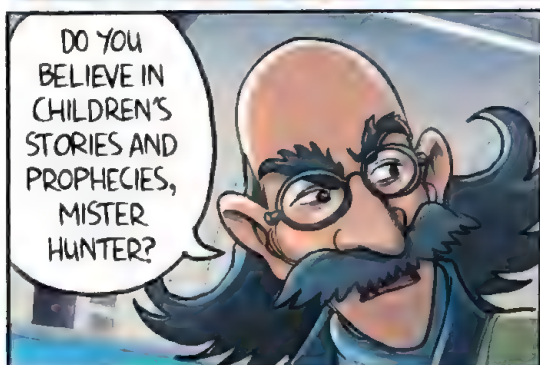




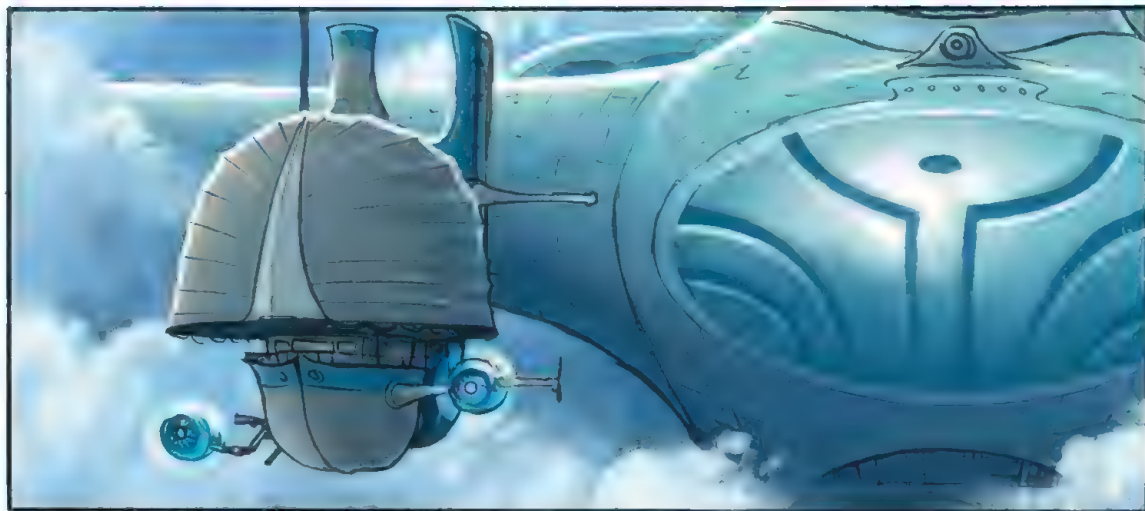
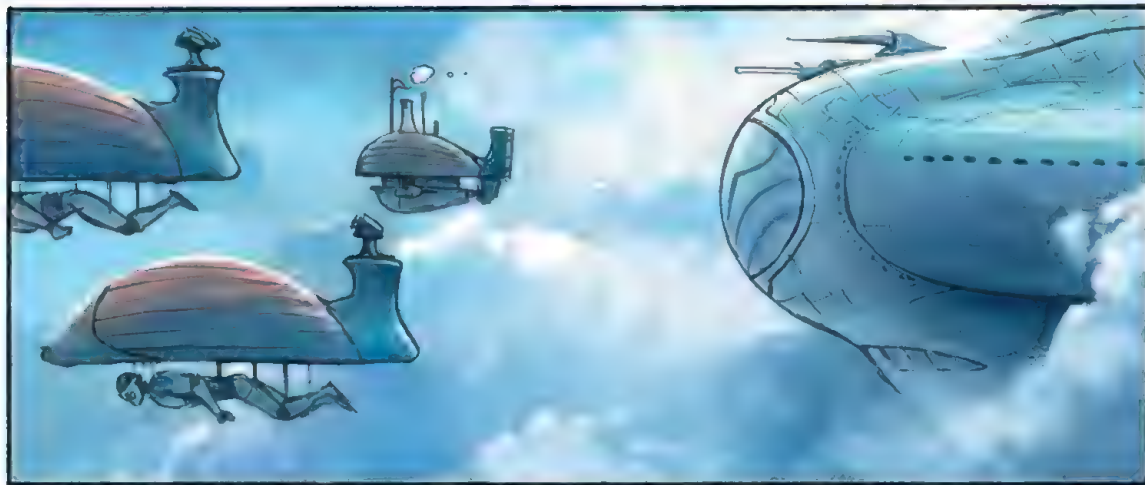


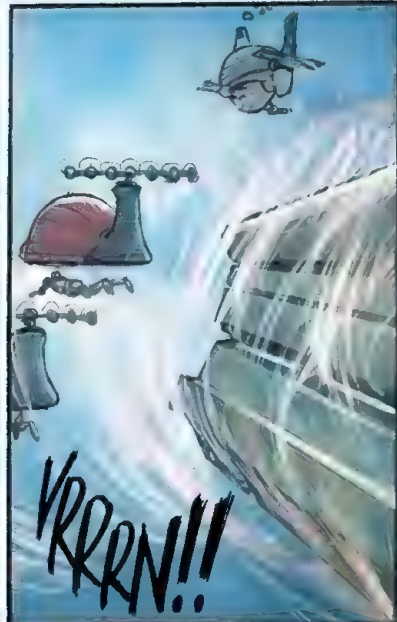




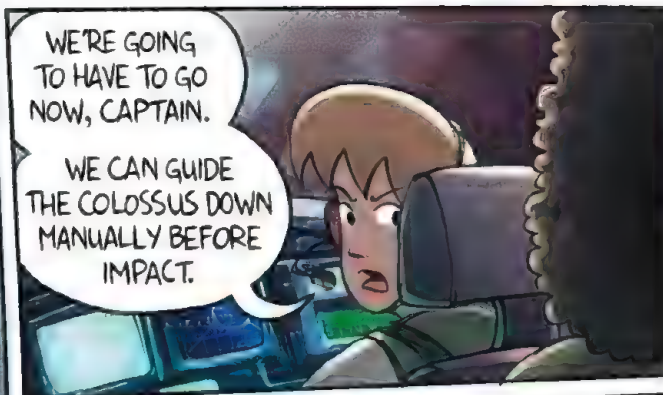


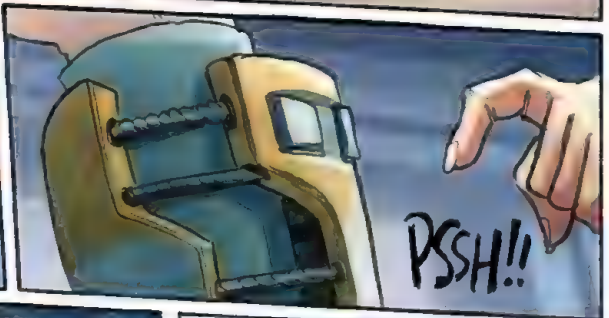


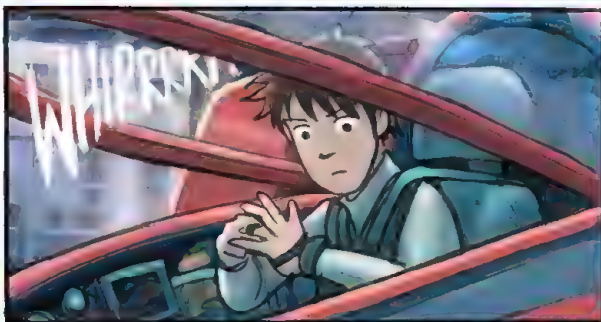
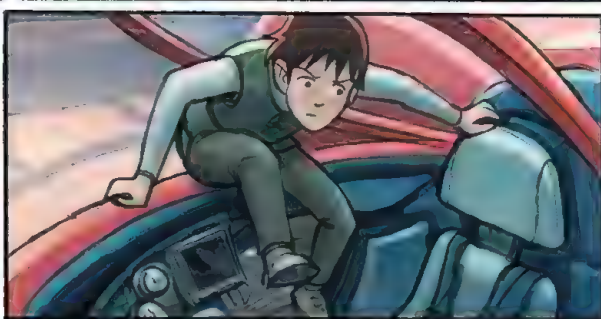


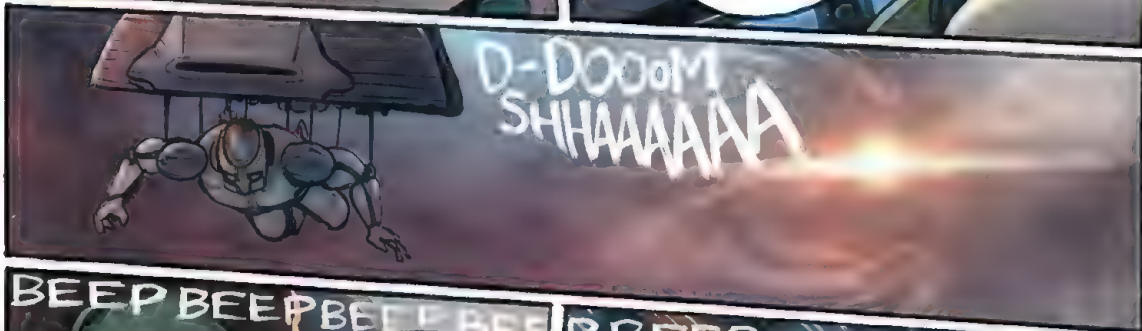
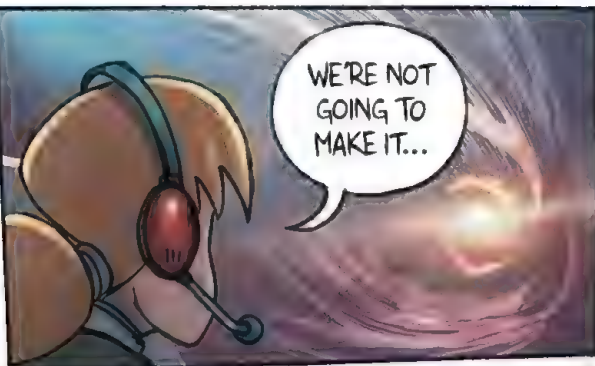


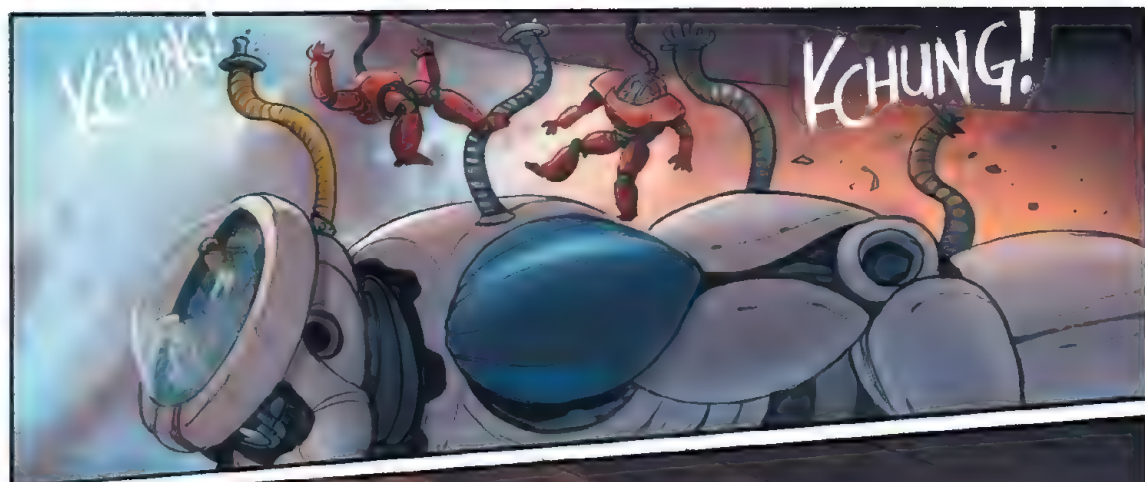


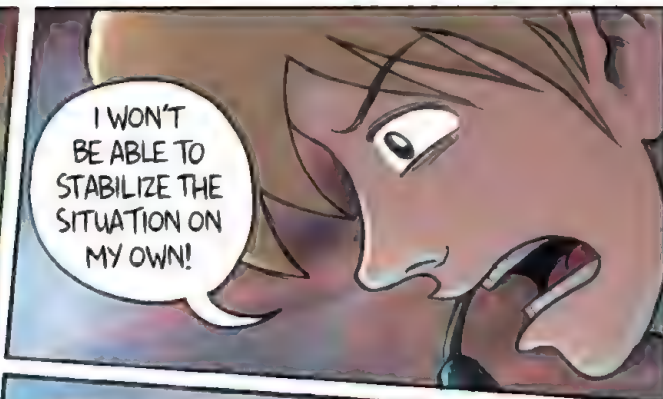


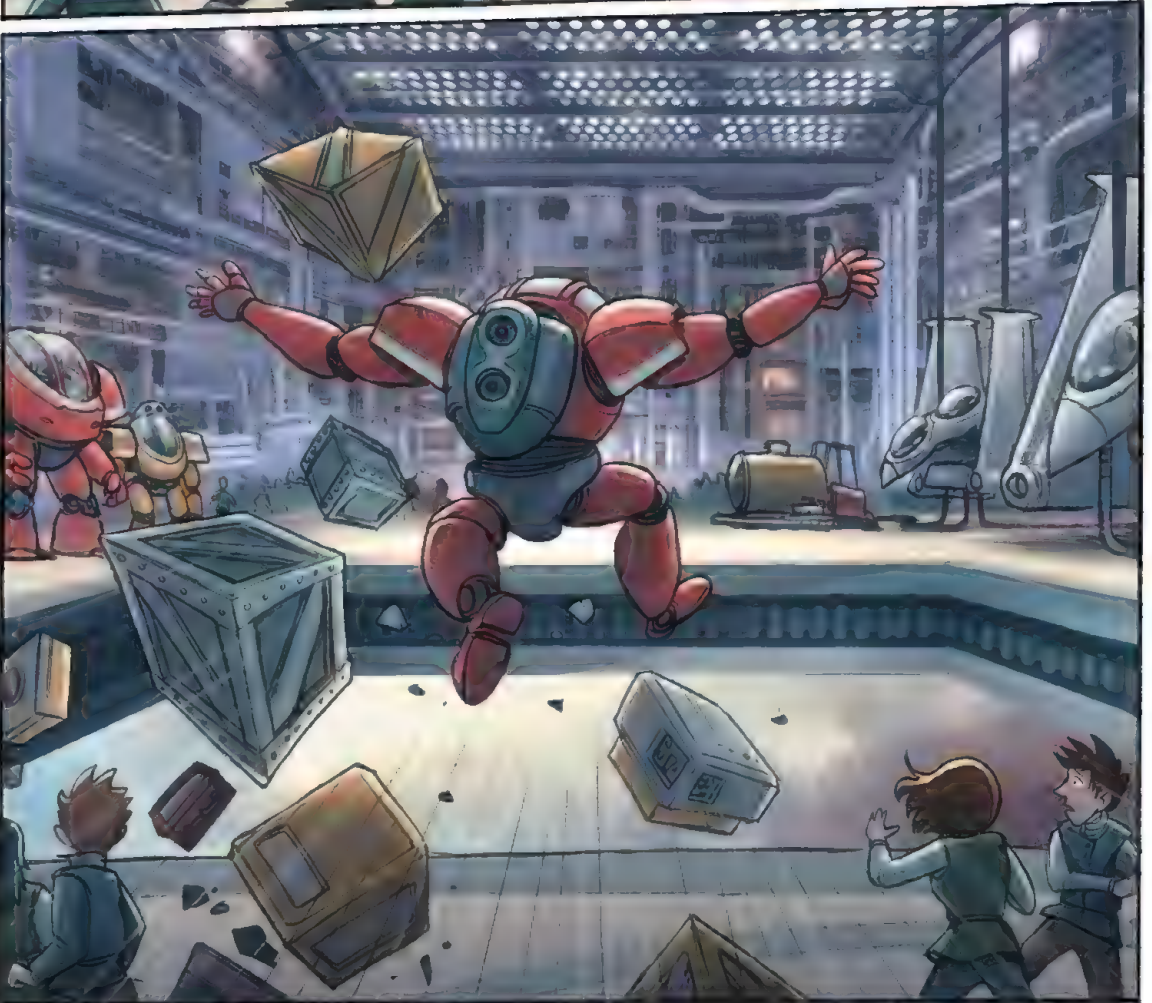
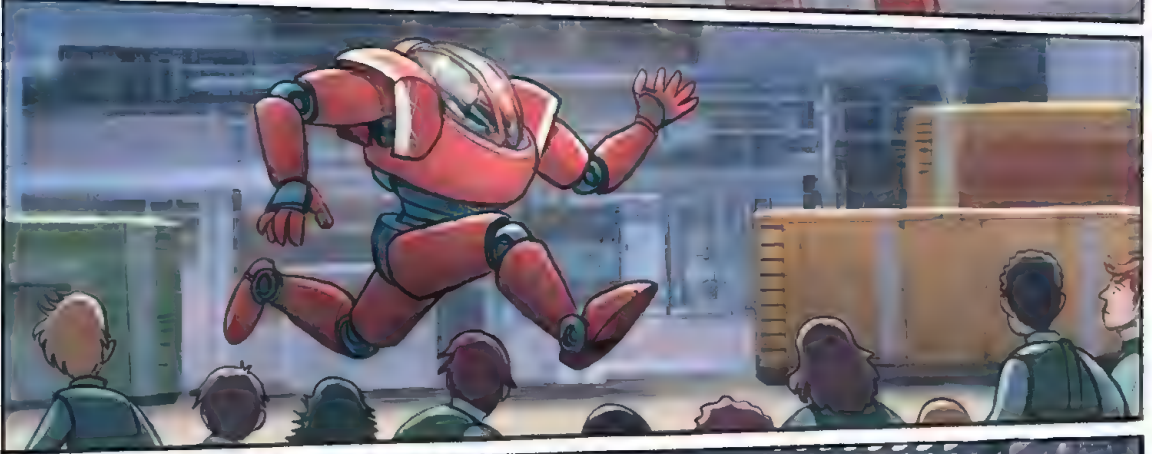








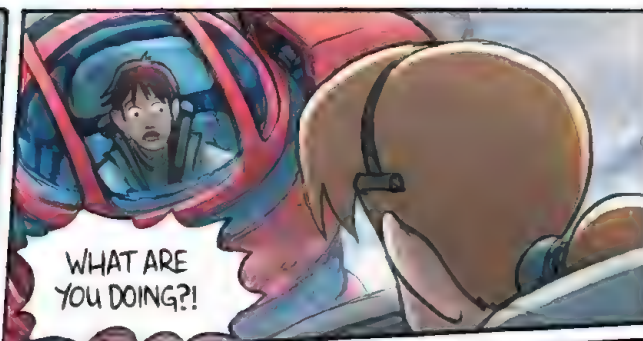


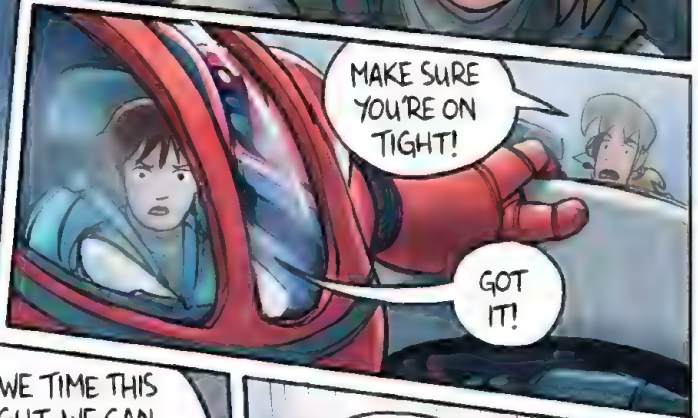
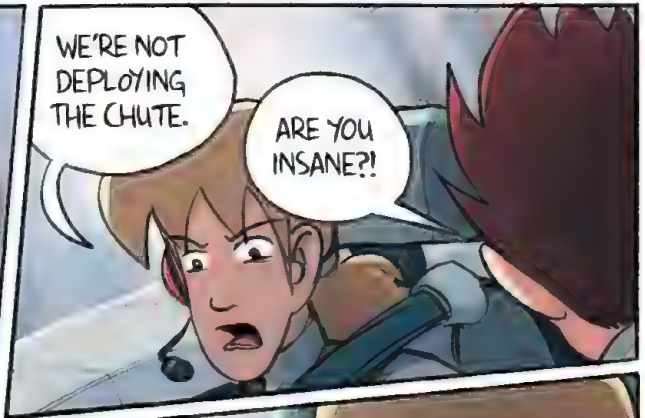






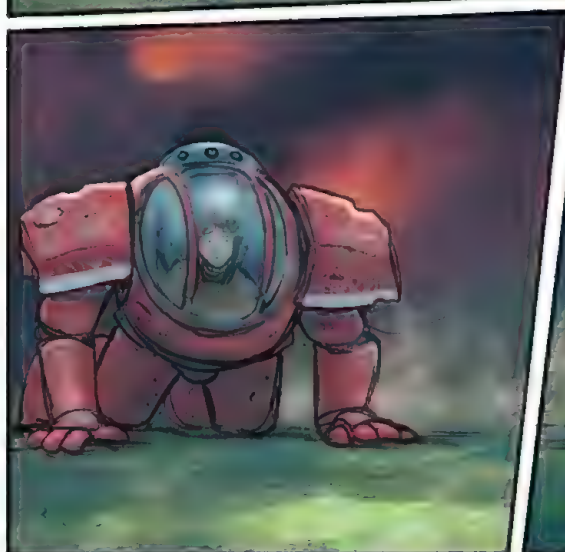
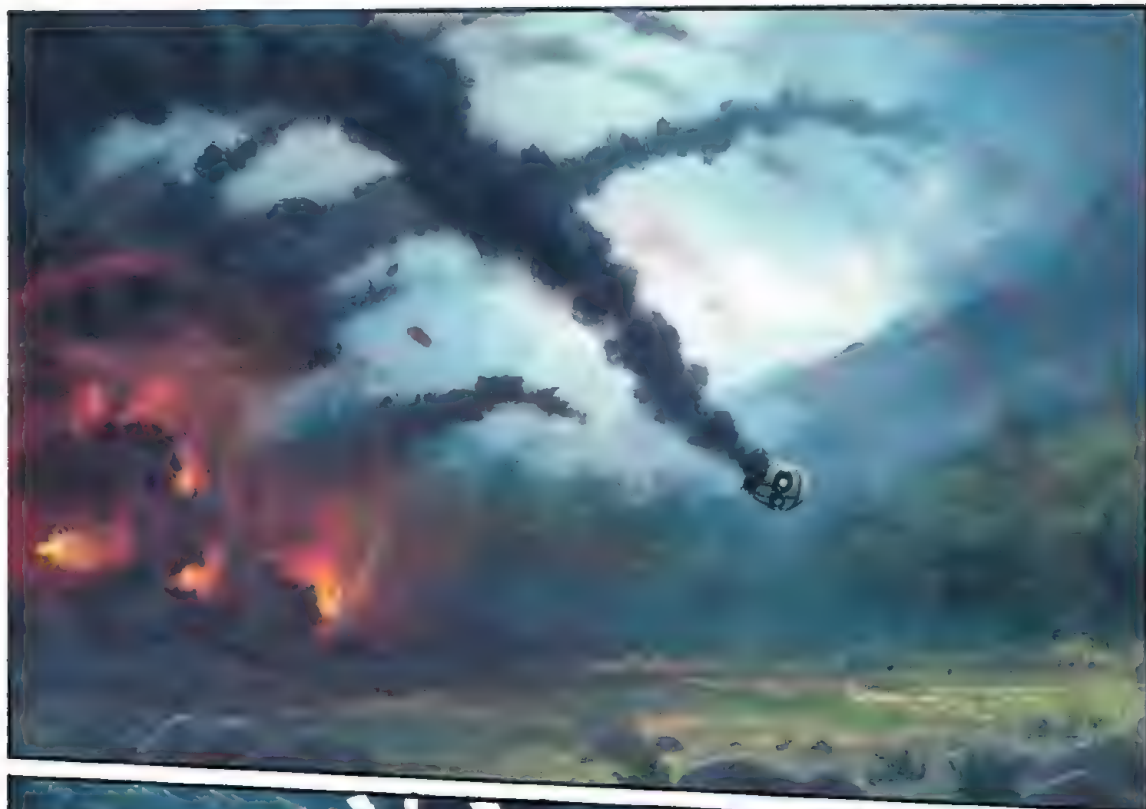


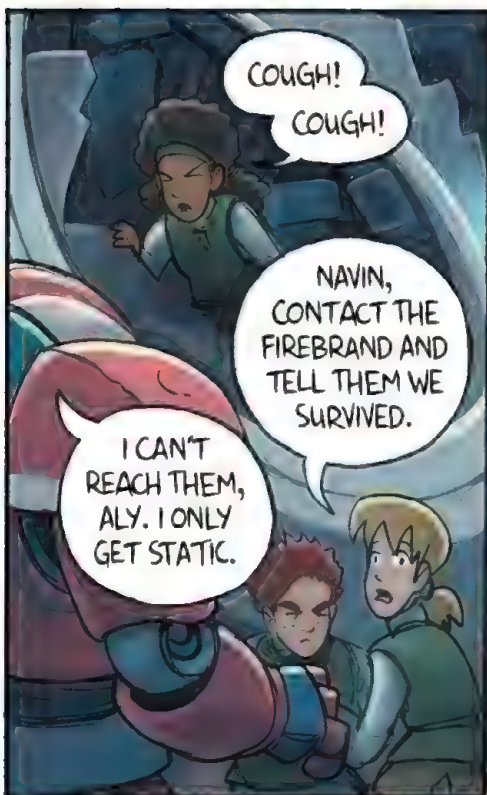
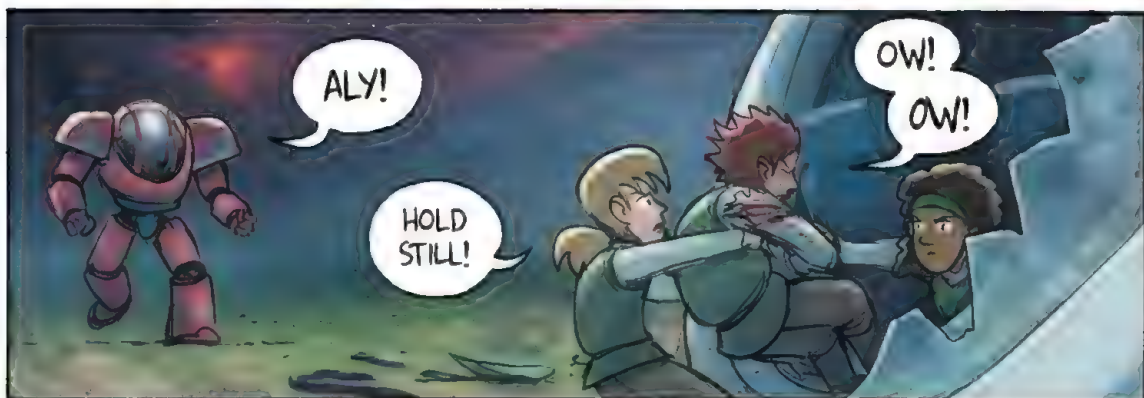




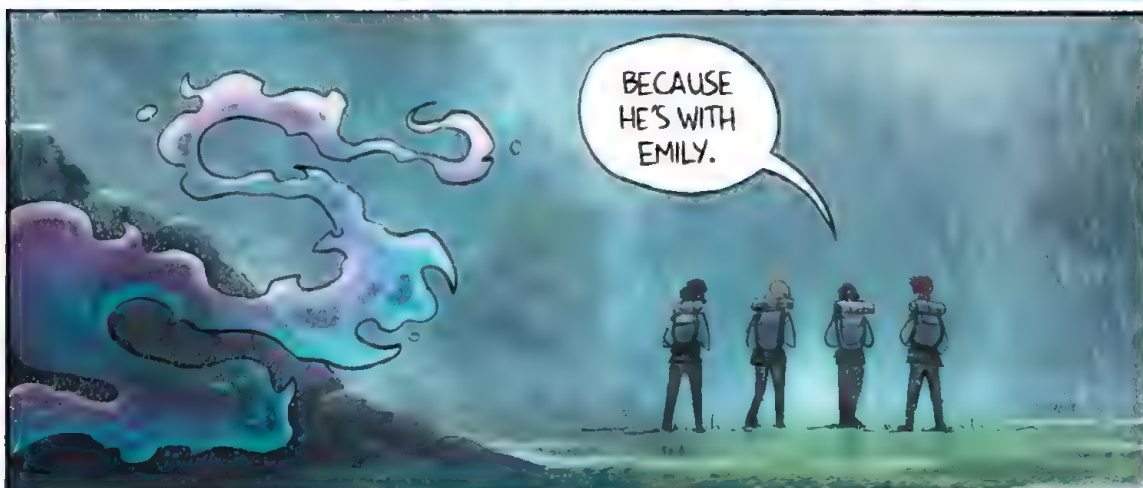
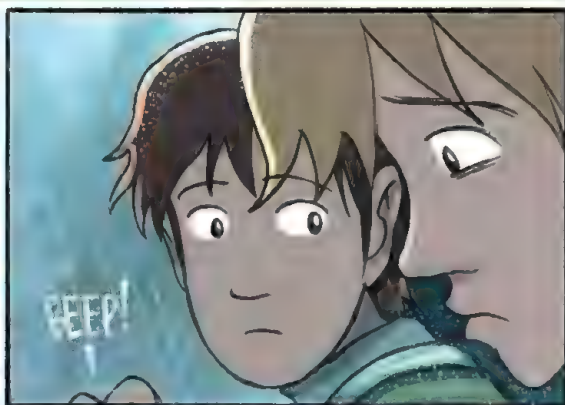


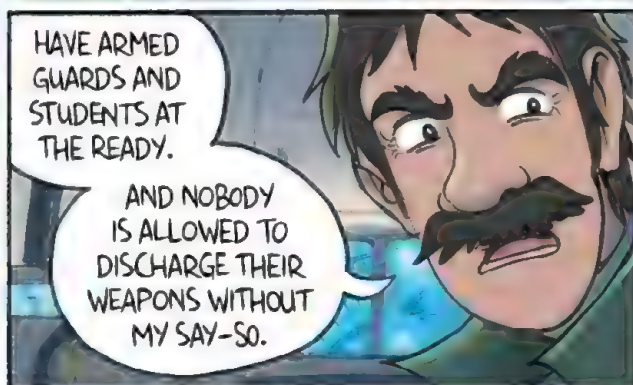
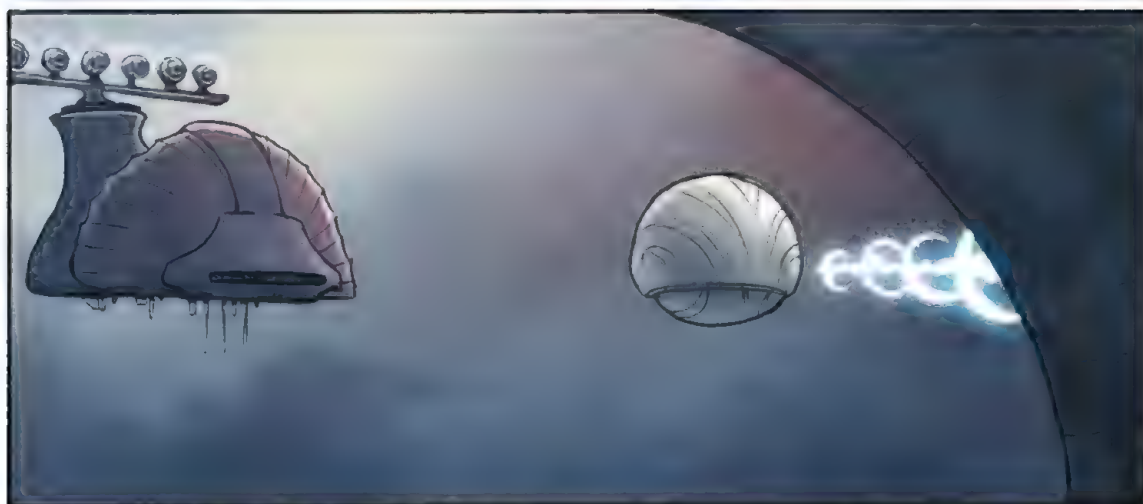
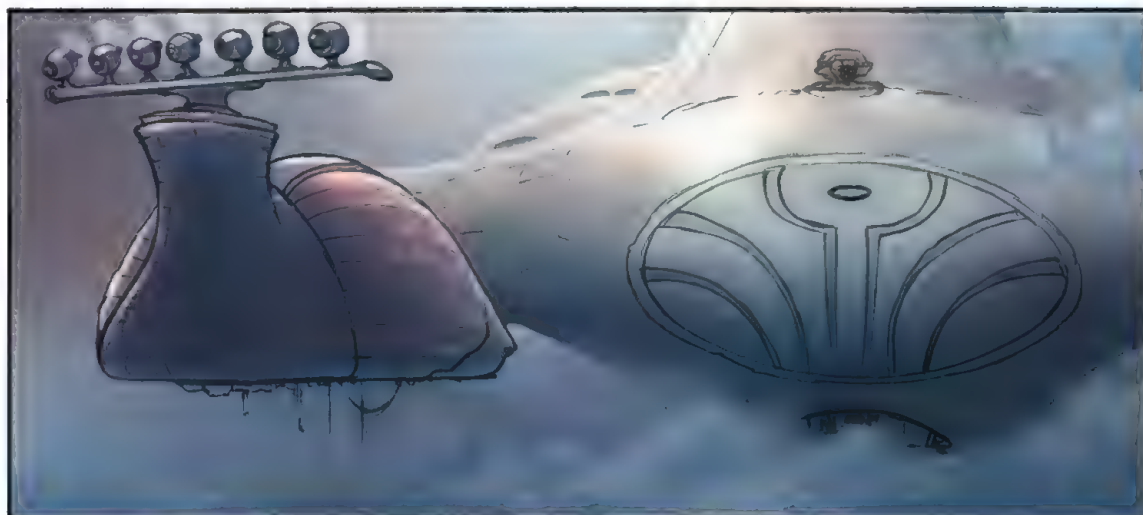


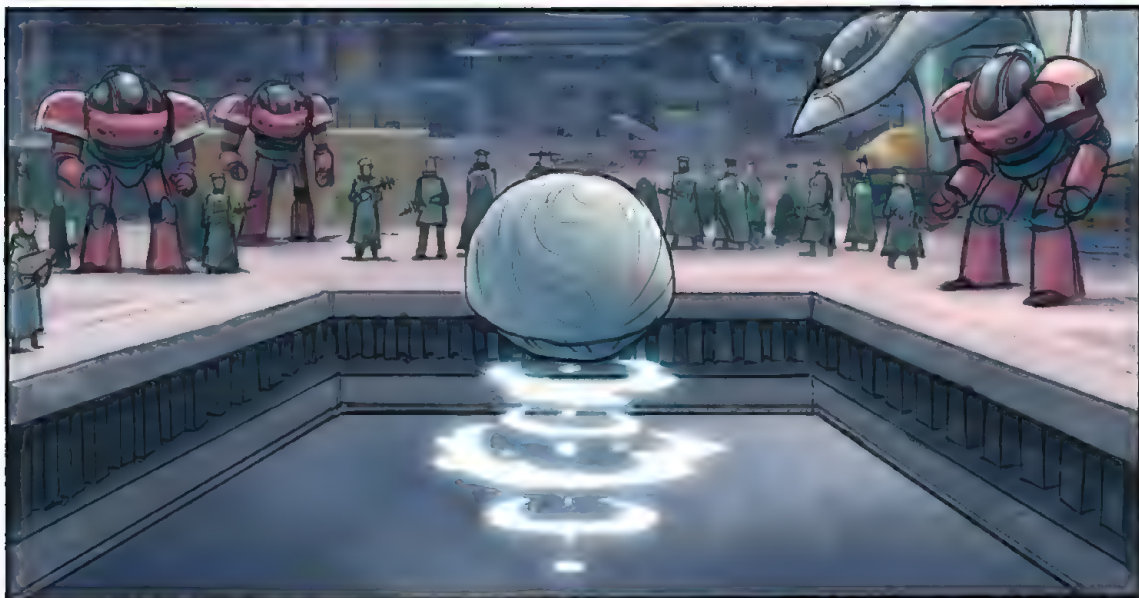
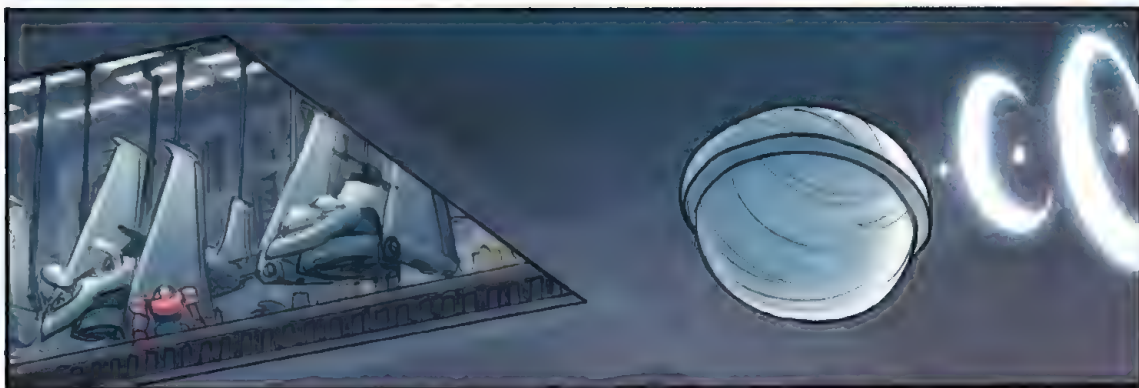


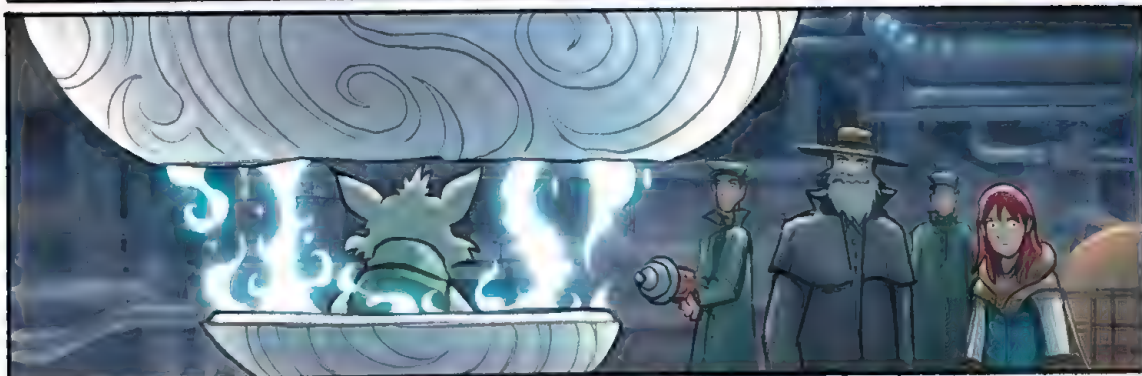
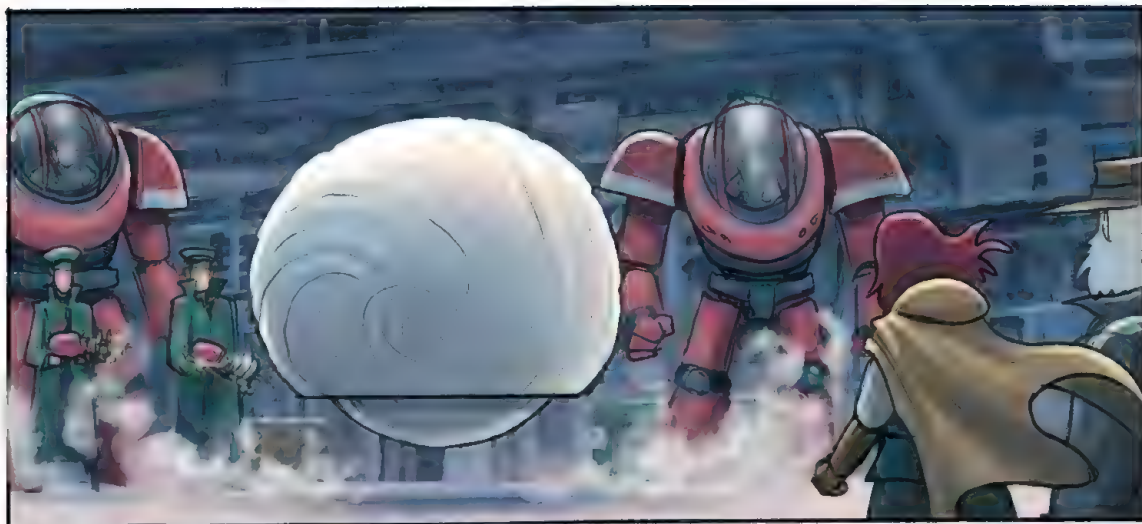
















THE MOMENT
WE STEP OFF
THIS SHIP, BEGIN
EVACUATING
EVERYONE.

LOAD THEM
ONTO THE LUNA
MOTH AND
DRIFT OUT.

IT IS AN
HONOR TO
MEET YOU,
EMILY HAYES!



YOU DON'T SOUND
CONFIDENT IN YOUR
NEGOTIATING
SKILLS.

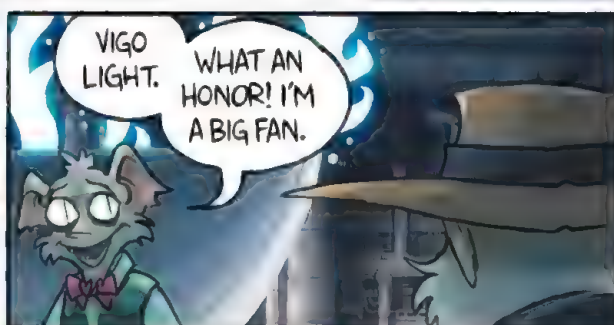
WE'RE DEALING
WITH SOMEONE WHO
WILL NOT COMPROMISE
TO GET WHAT HE
WANTS.

BEST TO
PLAY IT SAFE.



WELCOME
BACK, MASTER
TRELLIS.

IT IS GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN.



VIGO
LIGHT.

WHAT AN
HONOR! I'M
A BIG FAN.

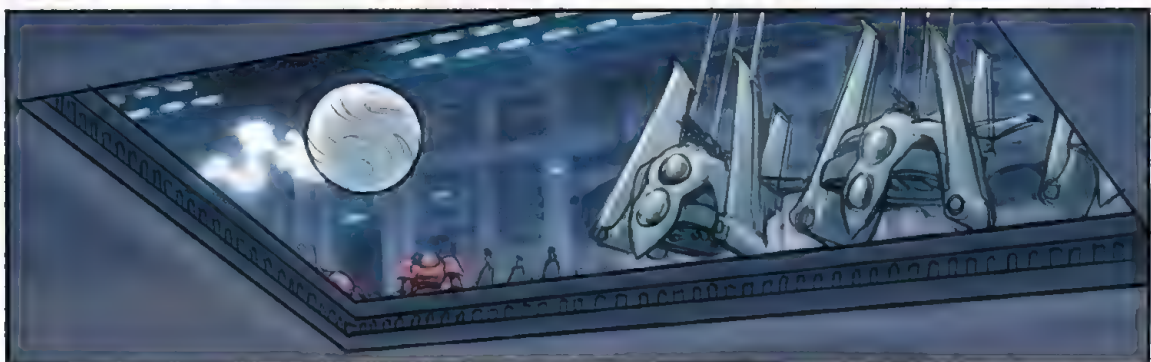


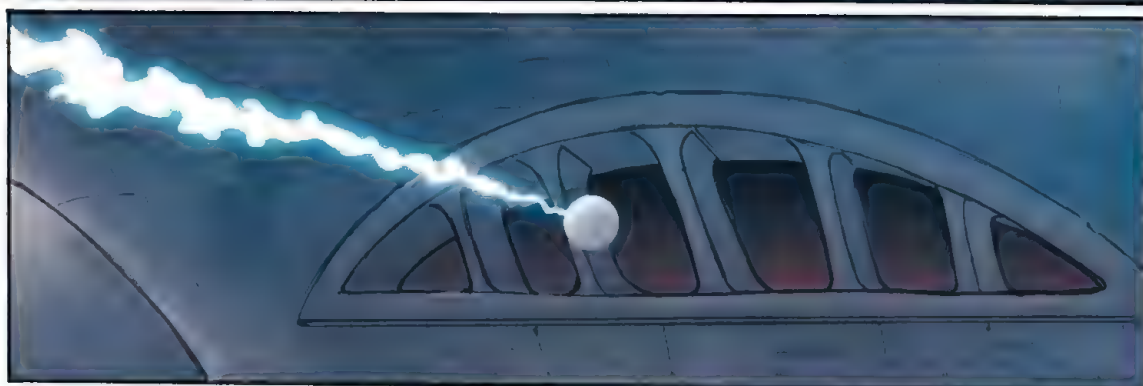
EXCUSE ME
IF I SEEM
NERVOUS!

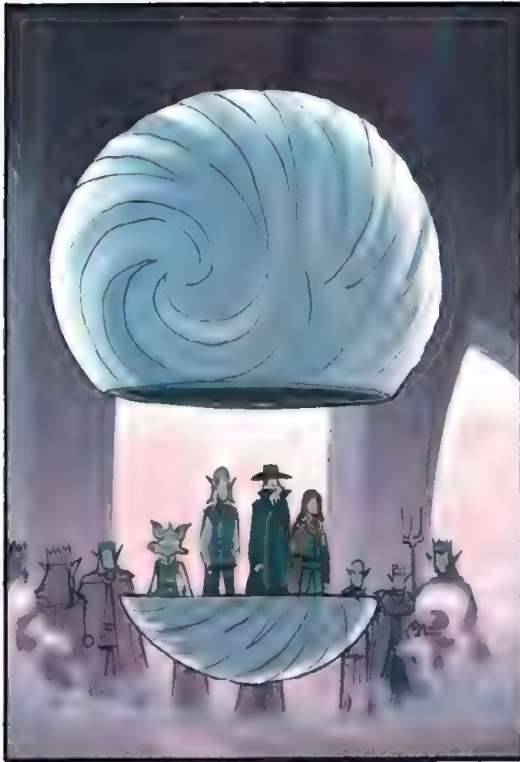


SEEING THE NEW
GUARDIAN COUNCIL
WITH MY OWN
EYES!

IT'S ENOUGH
TO MAKE ME
SHED A TEAR!



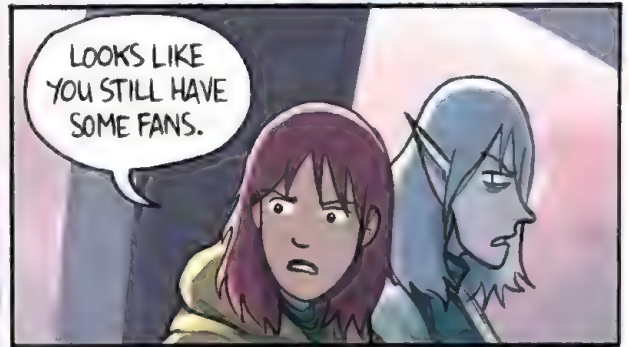




IT'S THE PRINCE!

HE'S A TRAITOR!

HANG HIM!!

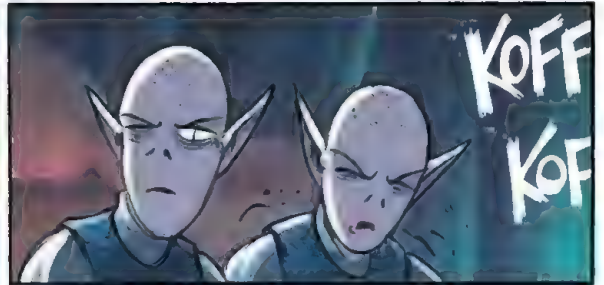


LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL HAVE SOME FANS.

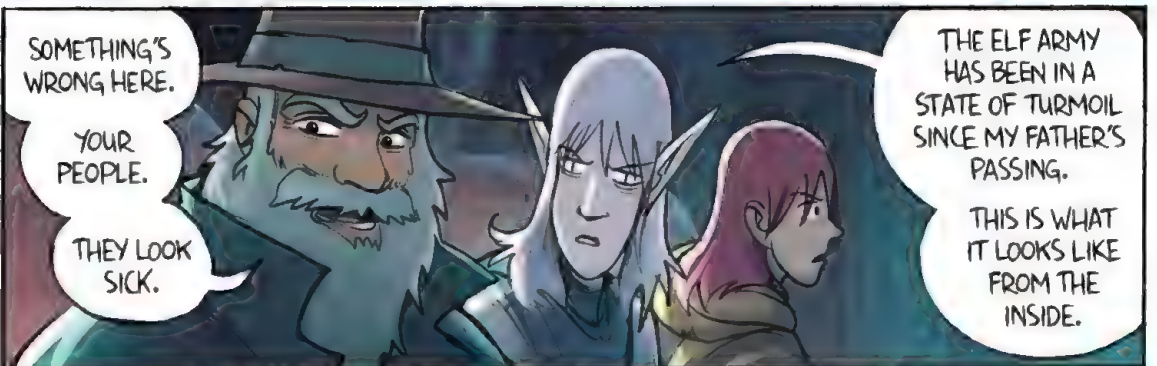


CLEAR THE WAY FOR OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS...

...THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL!



KOFF
KOF



SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE.

YOUR PEOPLE.

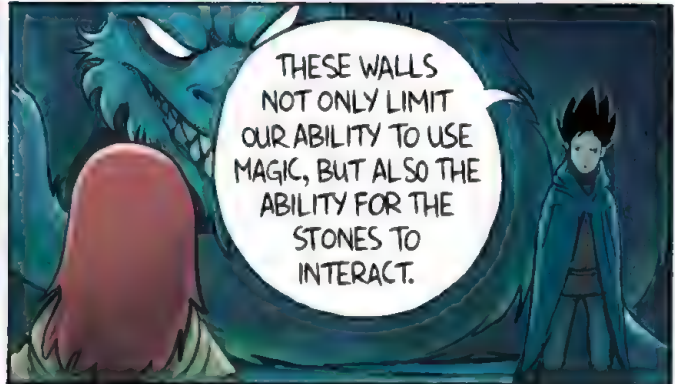
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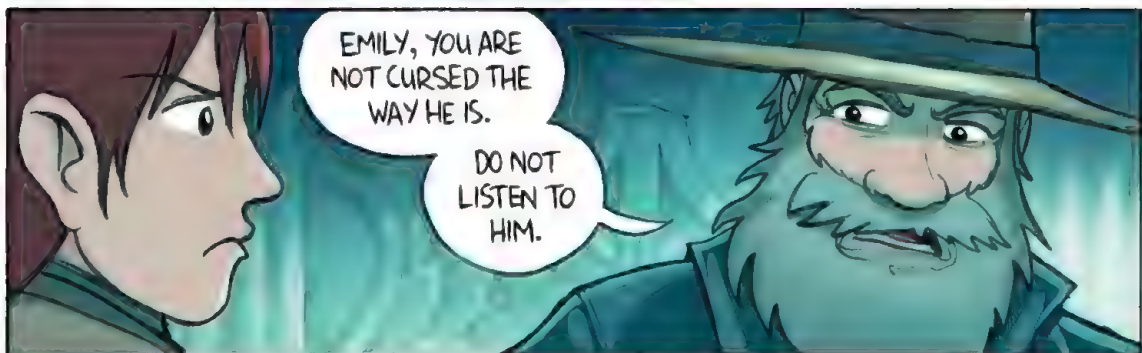
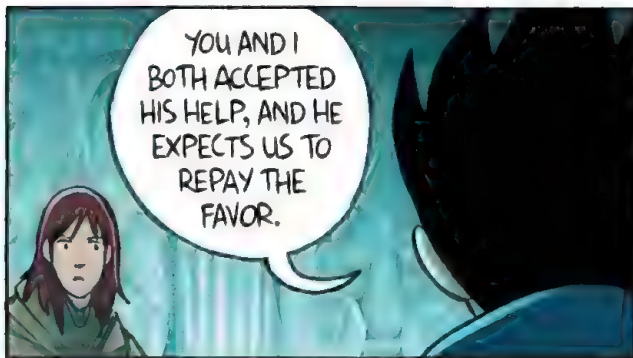
THE ELF ARMY HAS BEEN IN A STATE OF TURMOIL SINCE MY FATHER'S PASSING.

THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FROM THE INSIDE.





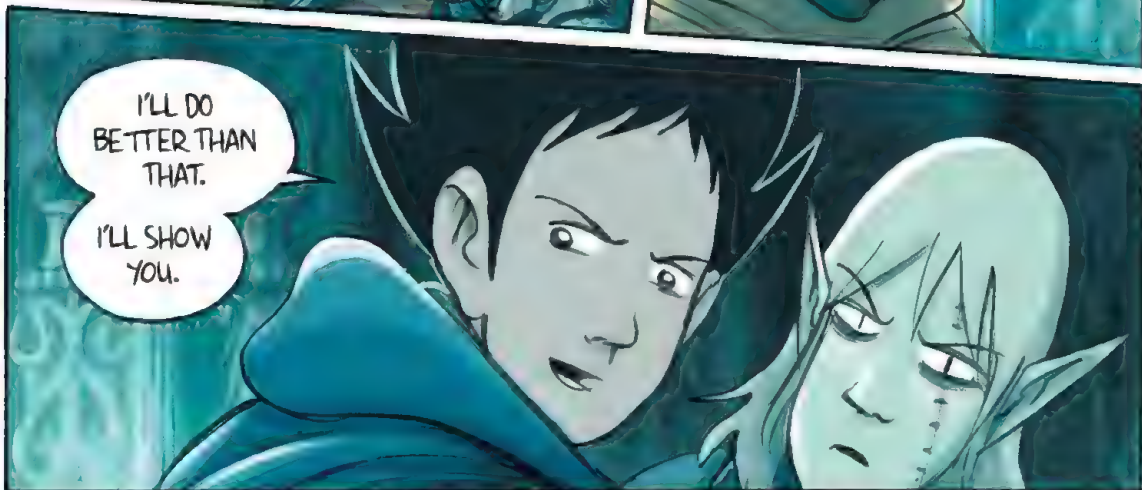




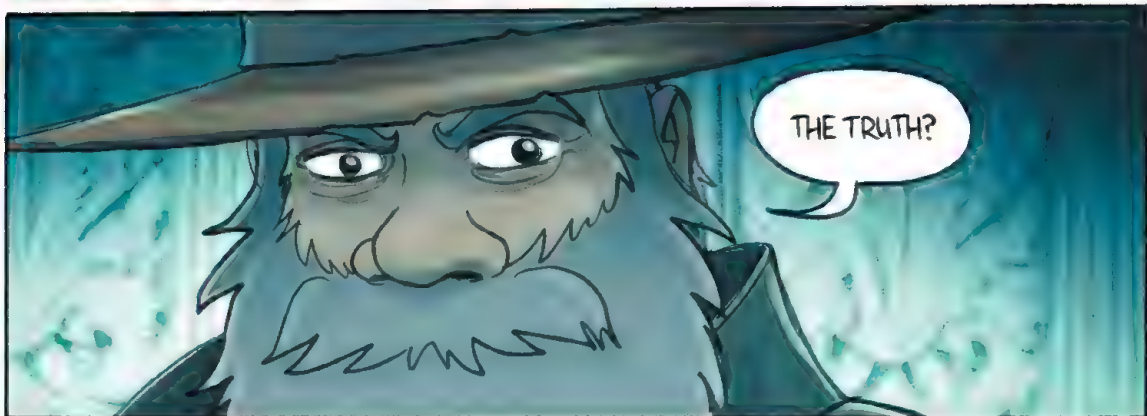
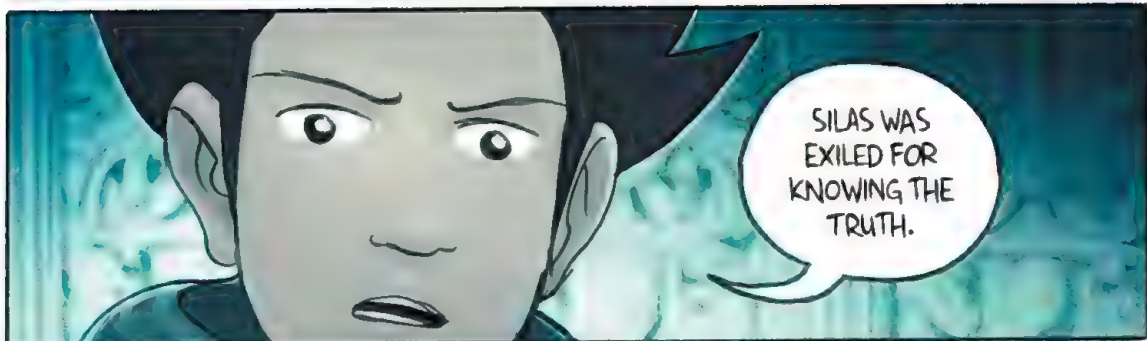


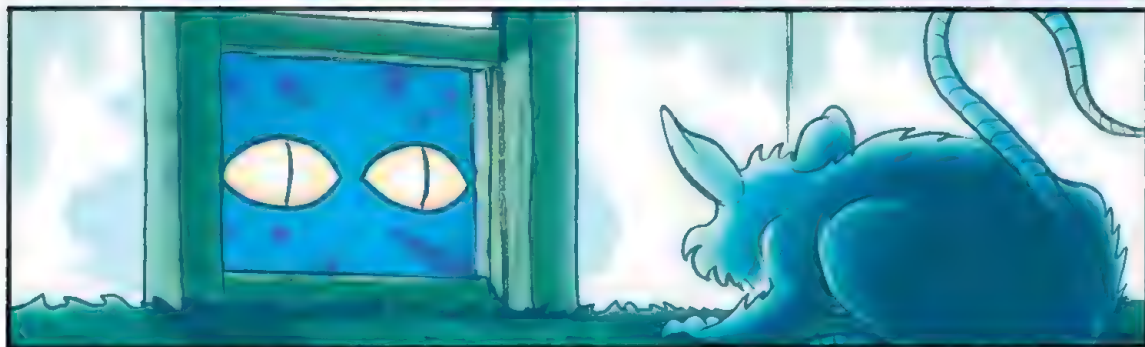
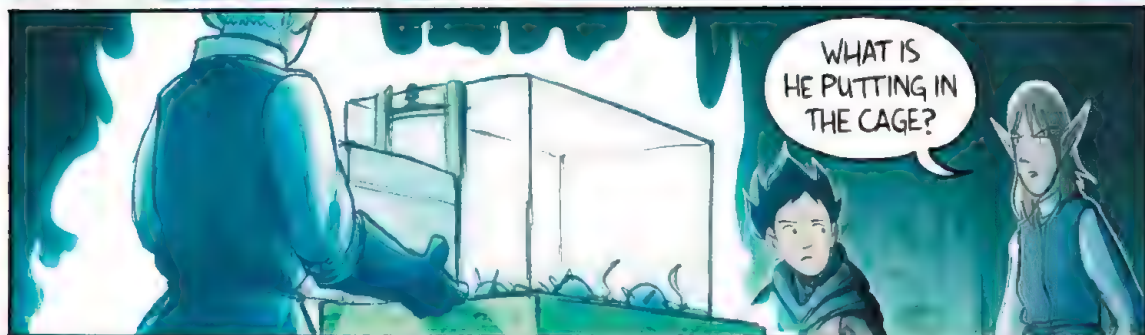
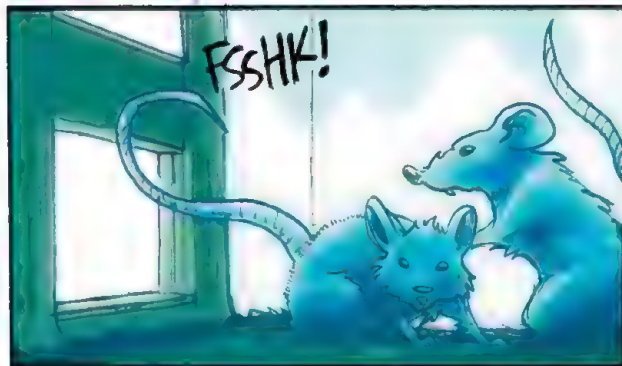
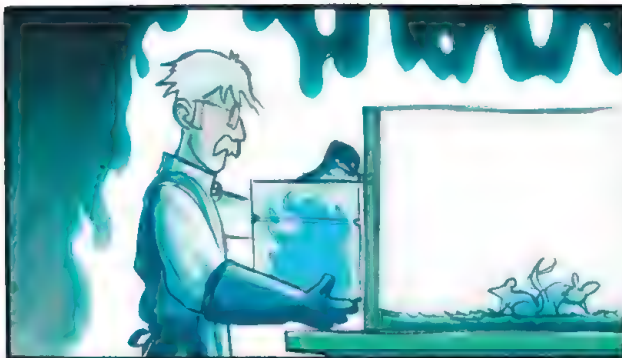


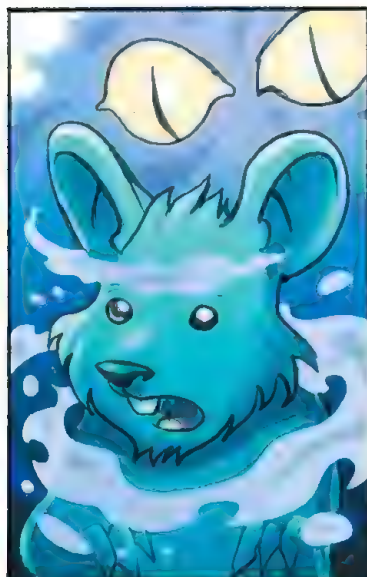


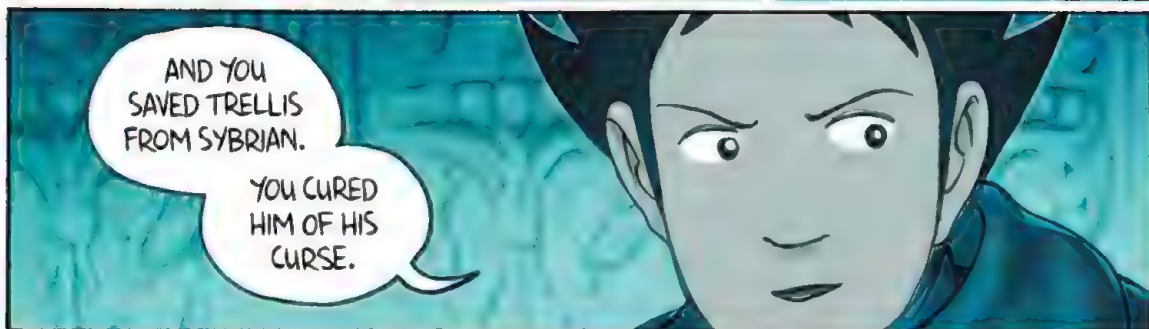
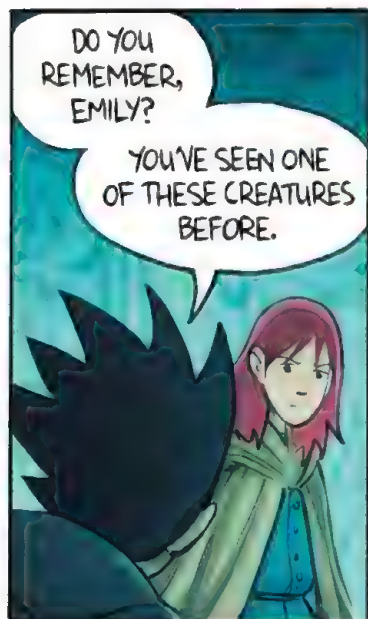


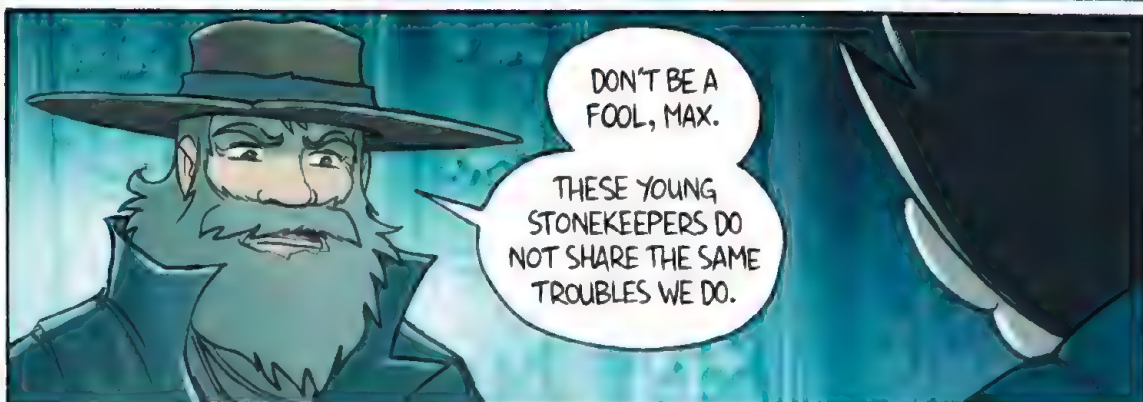
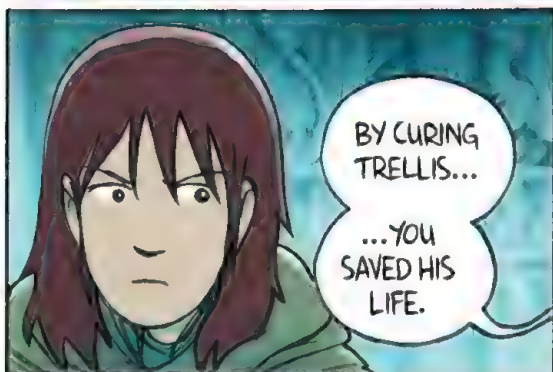


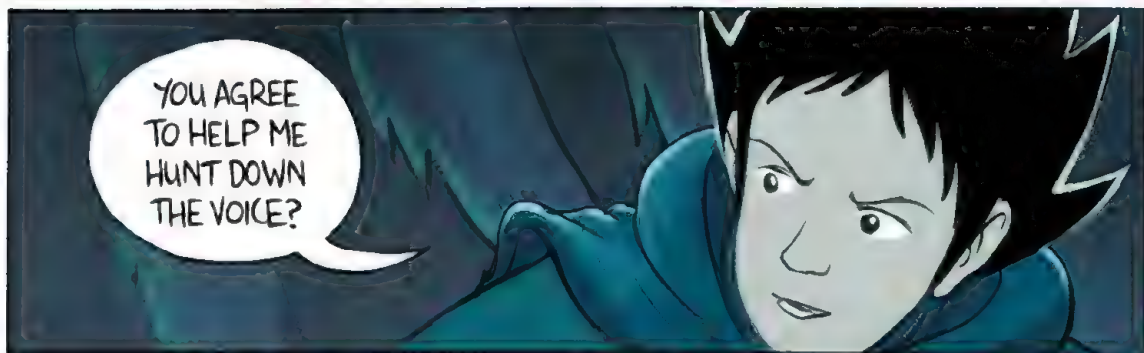




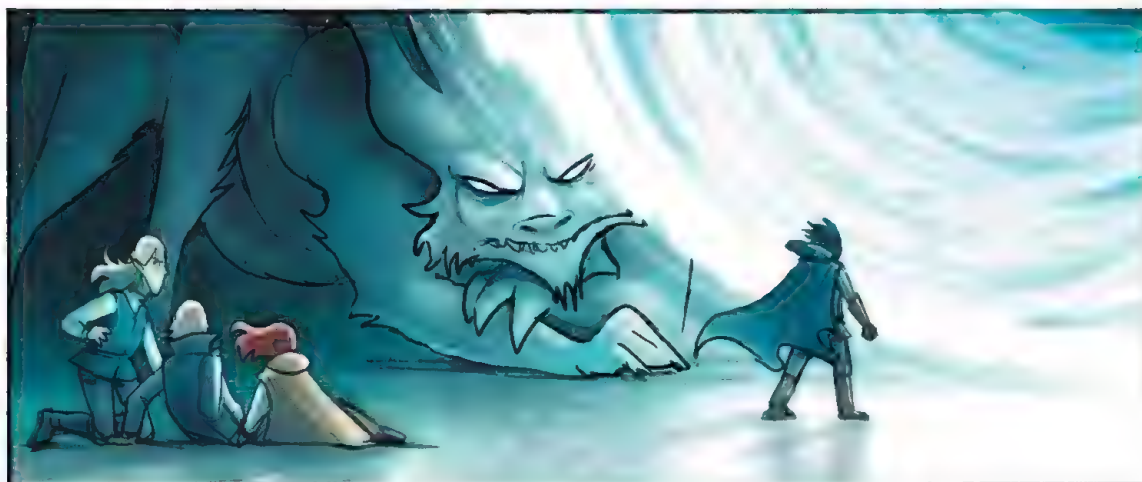
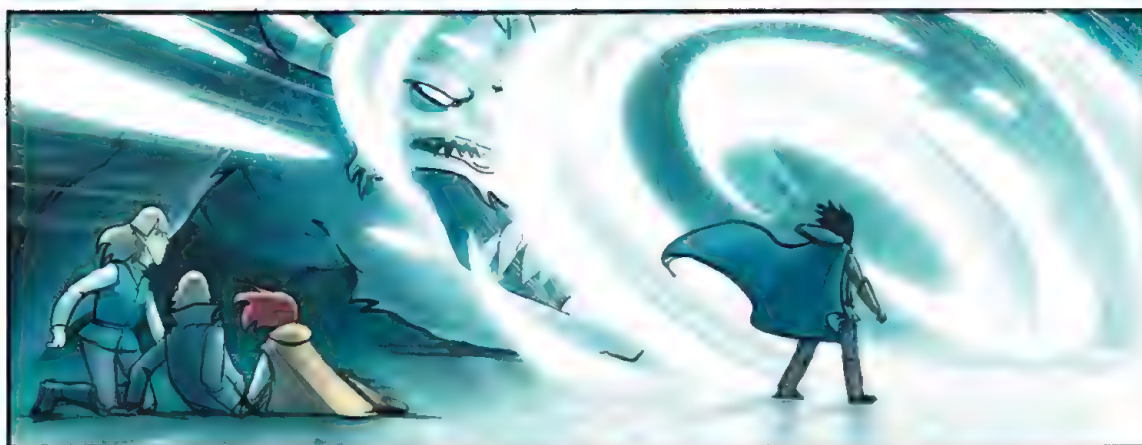




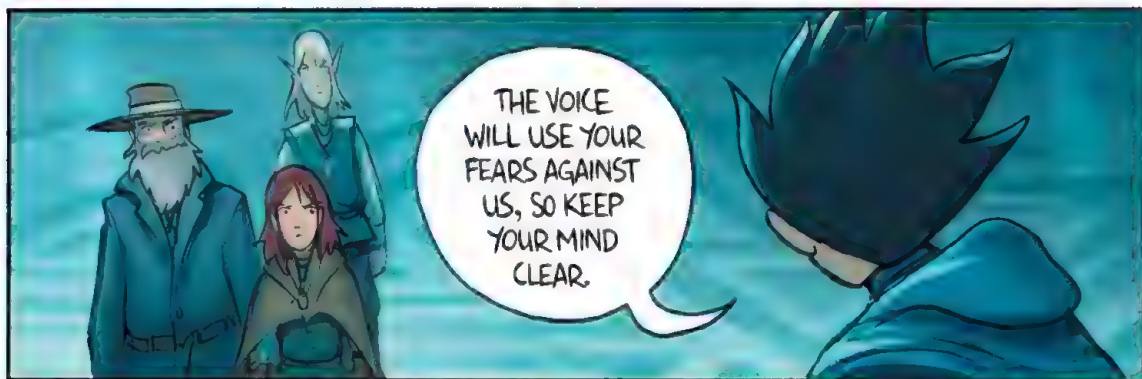


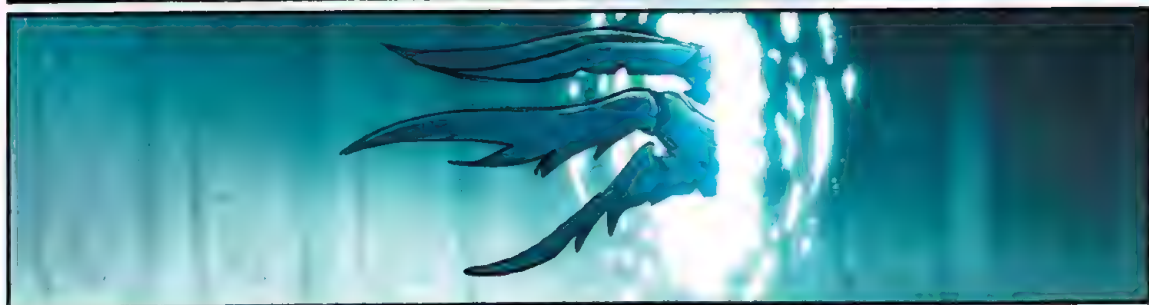
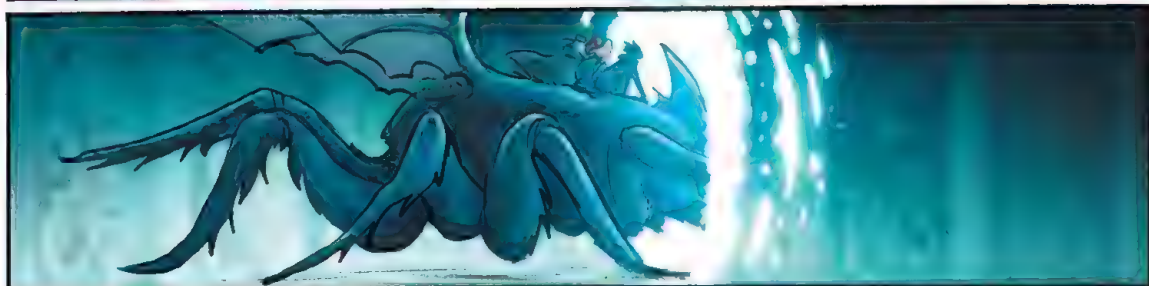


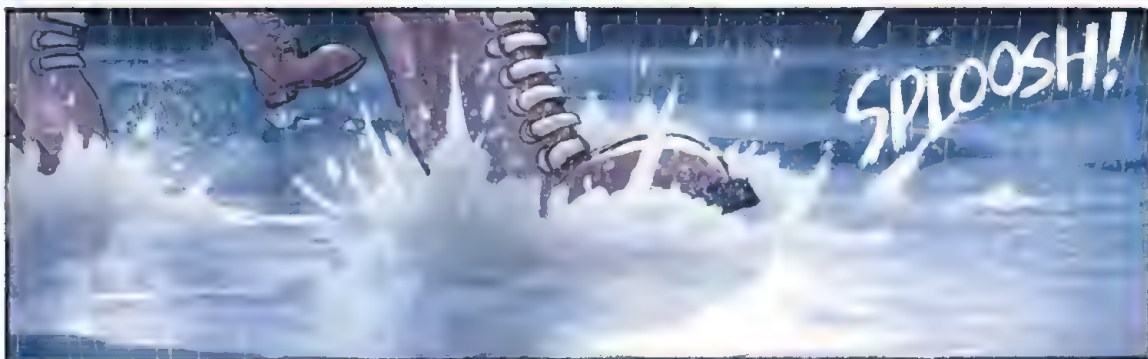


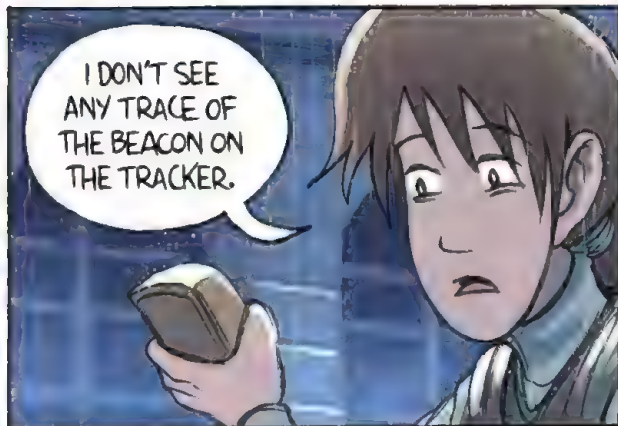


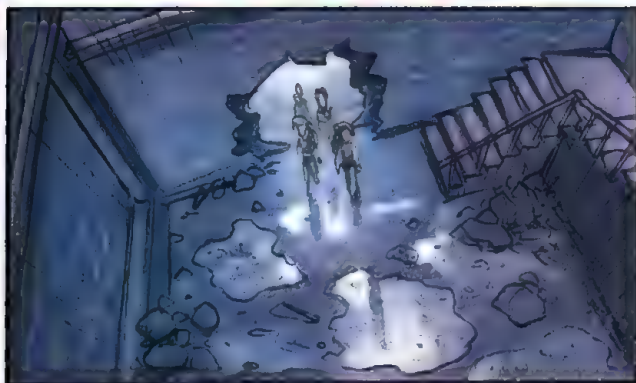
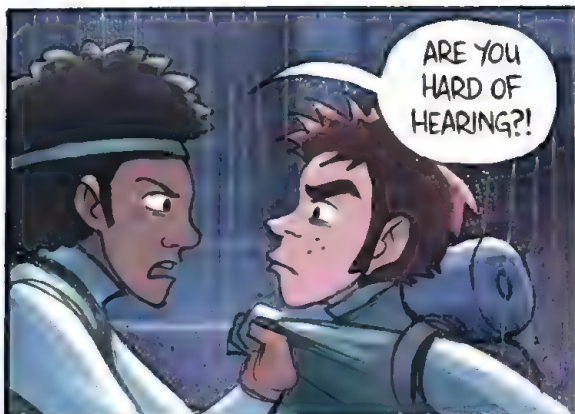


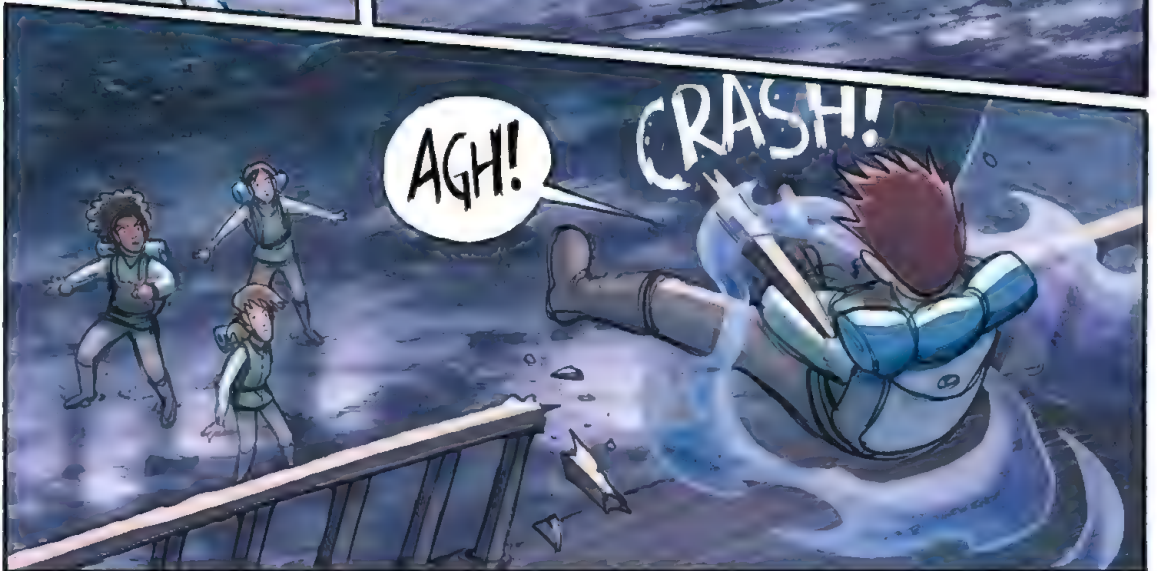
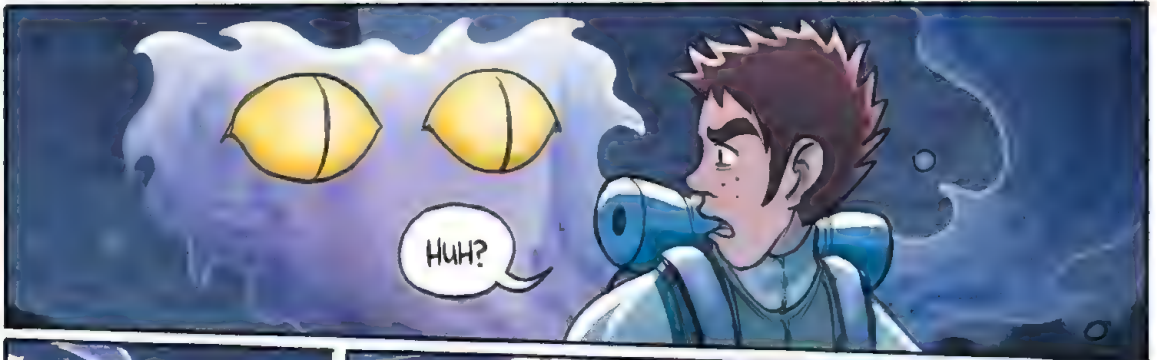
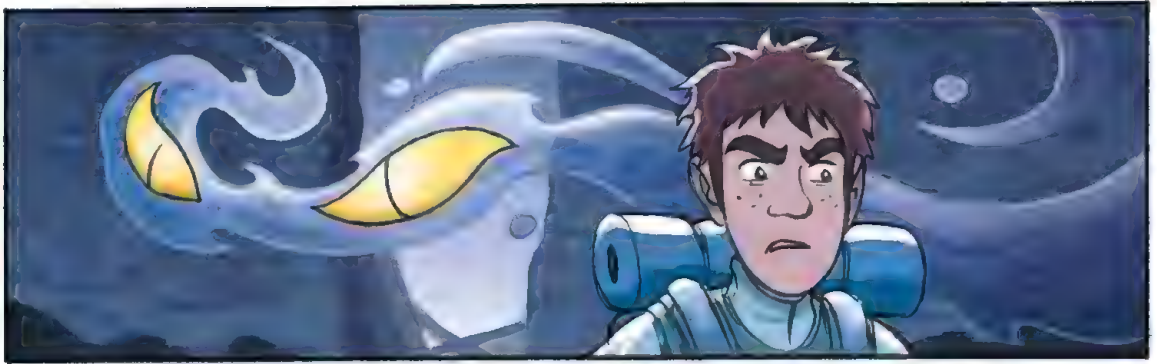


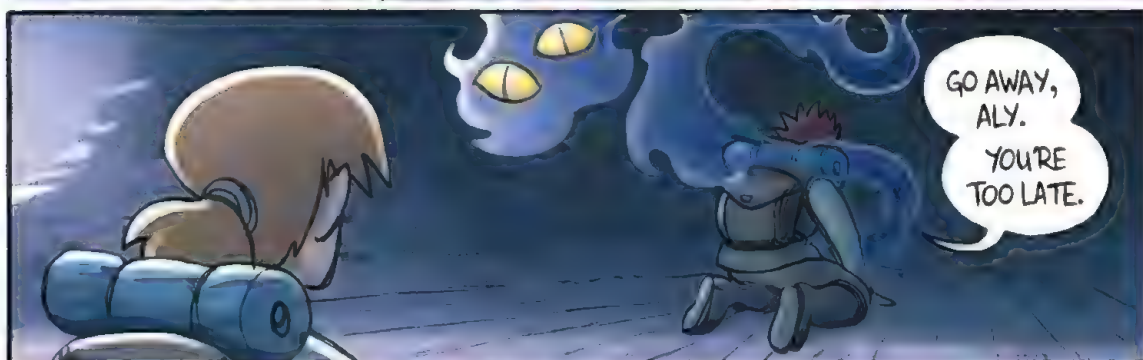


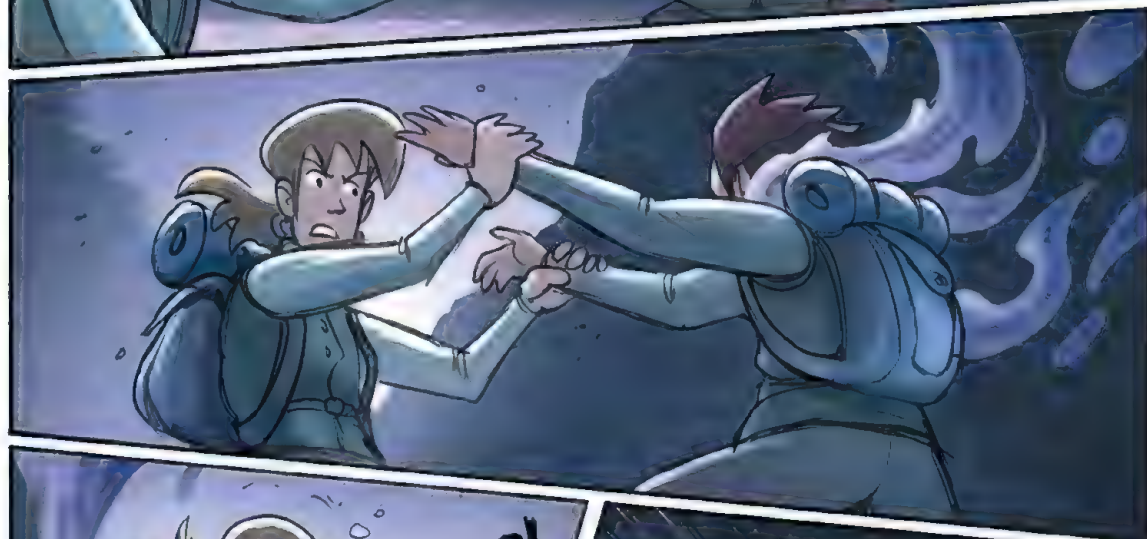




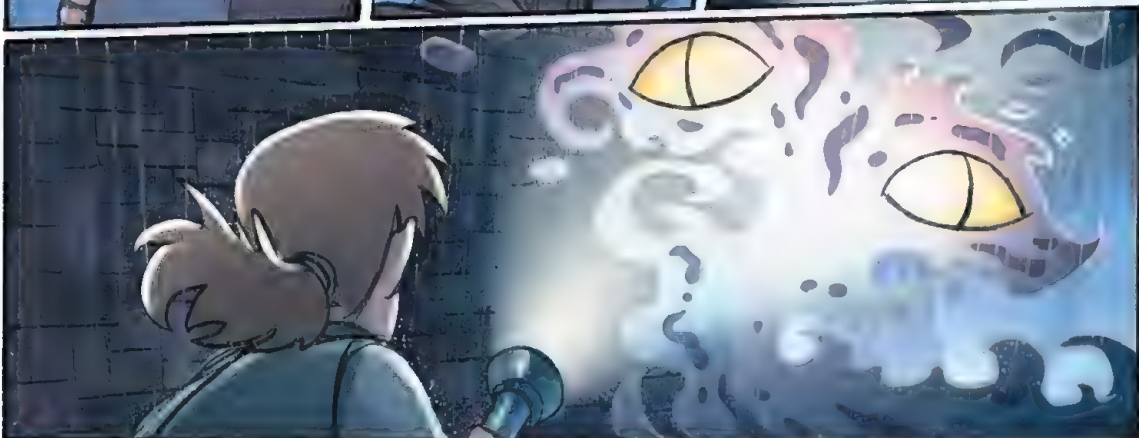
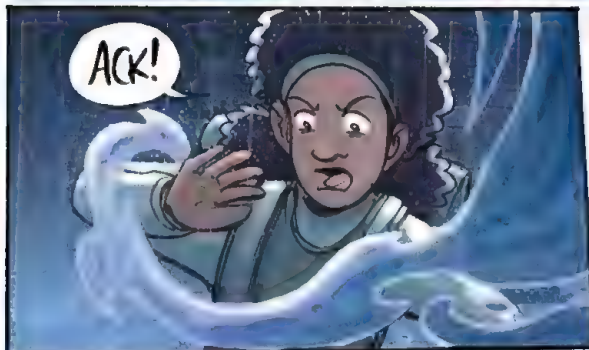


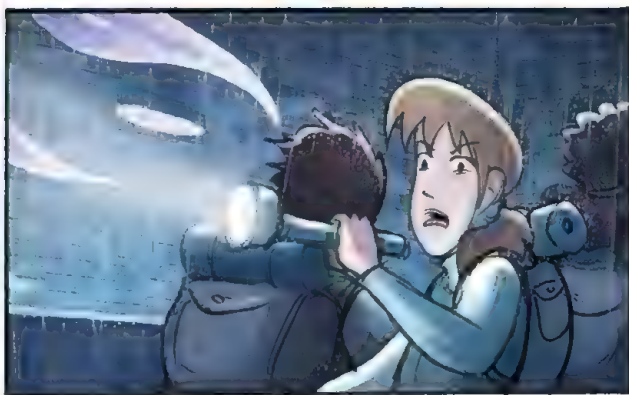
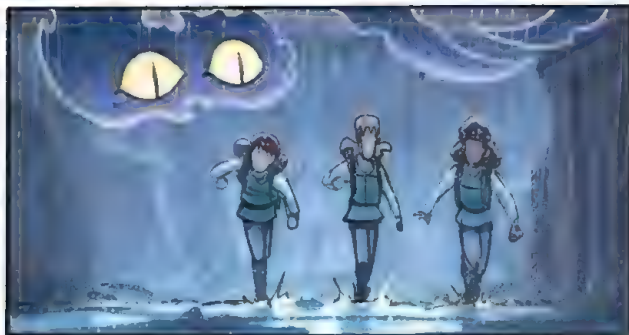
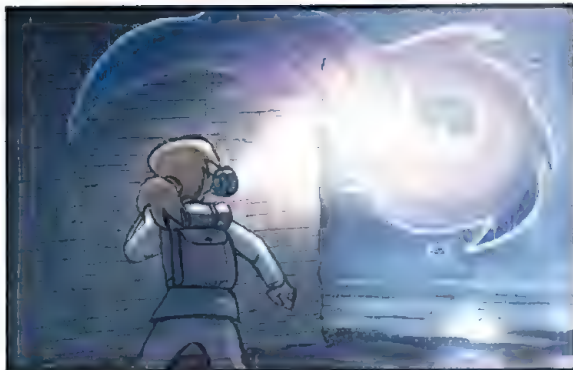


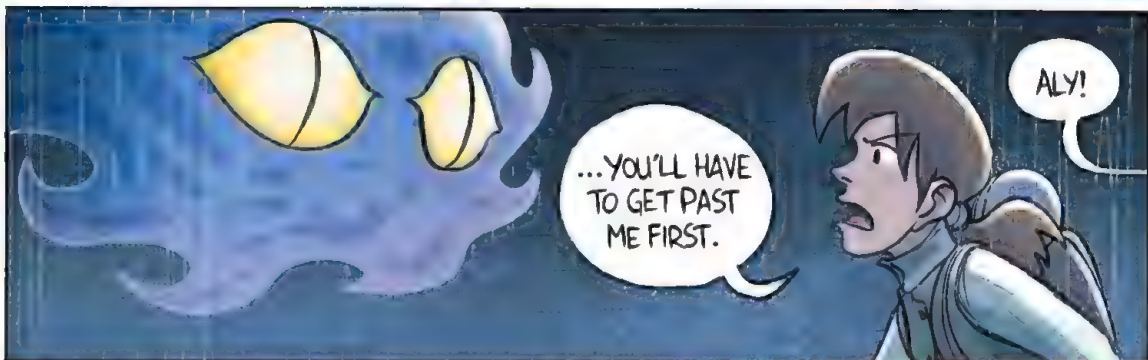
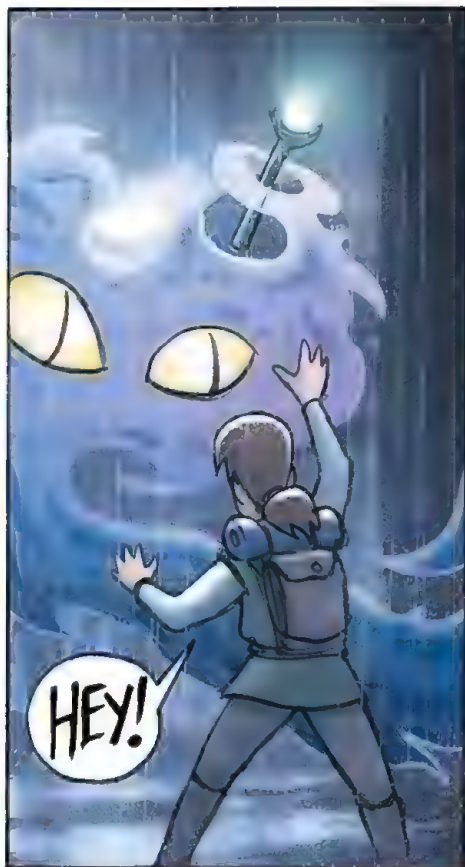


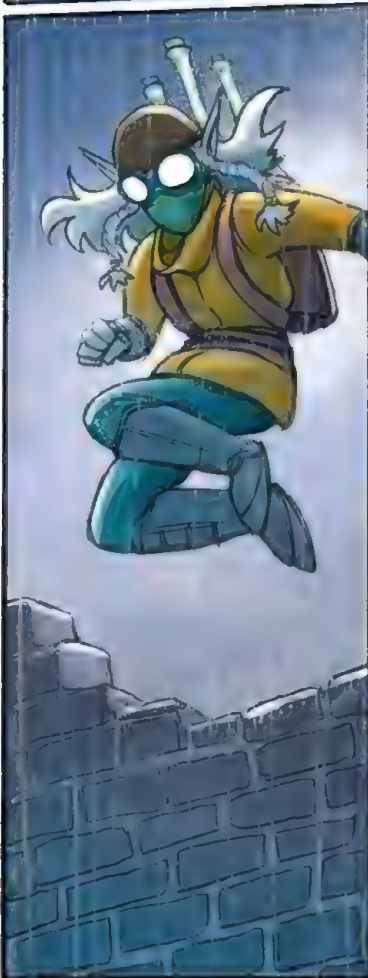


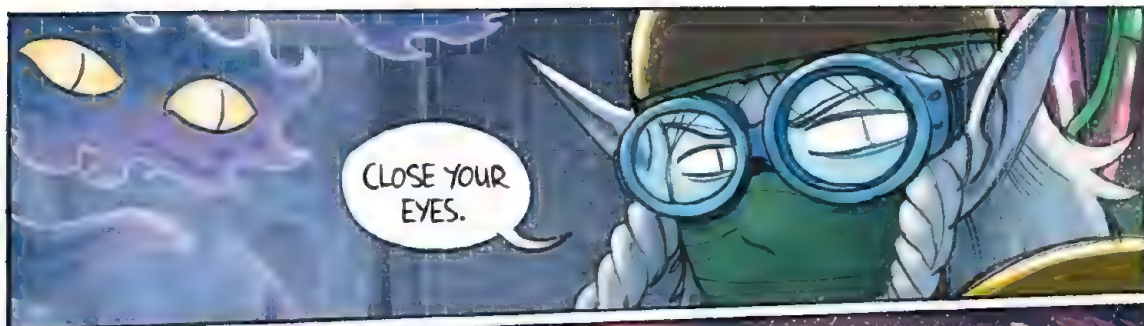


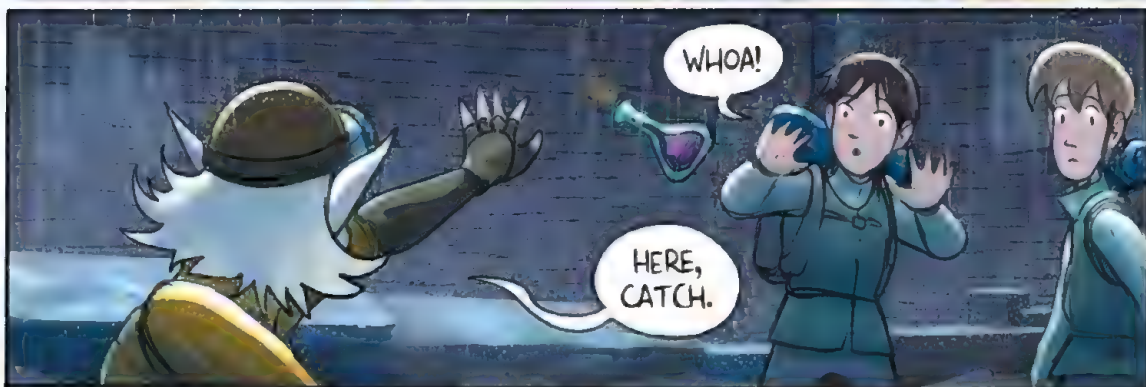
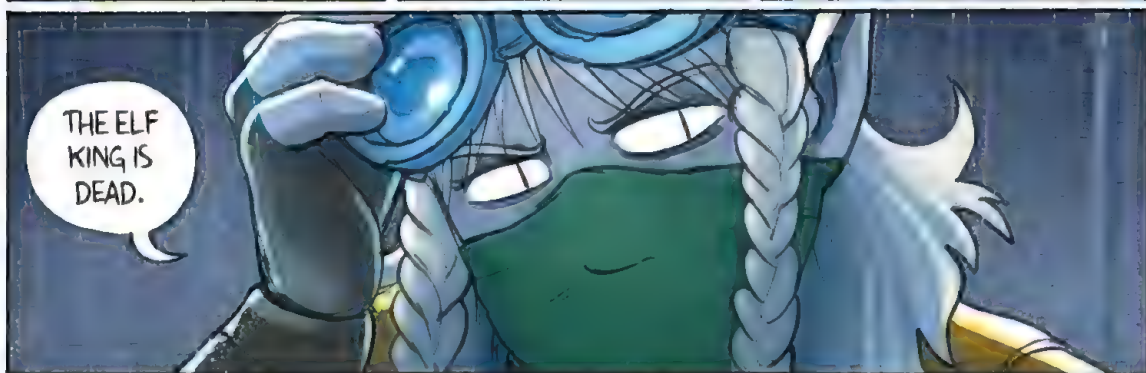


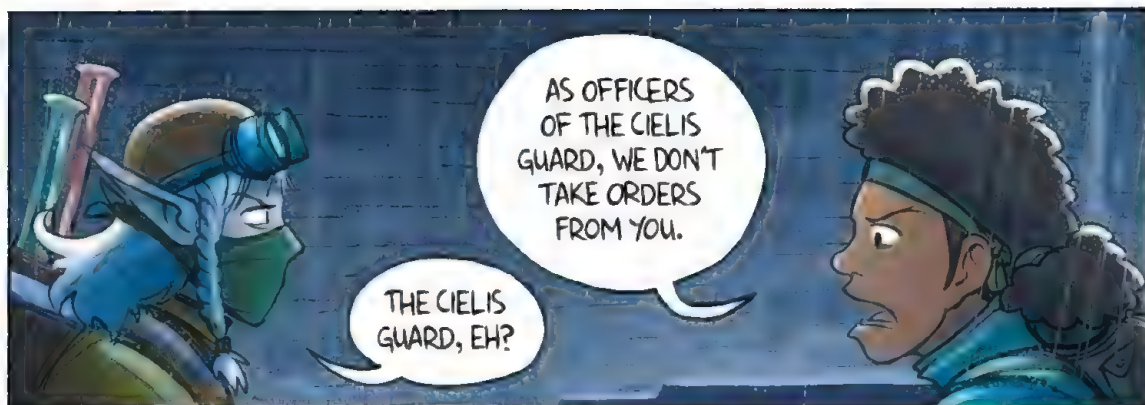










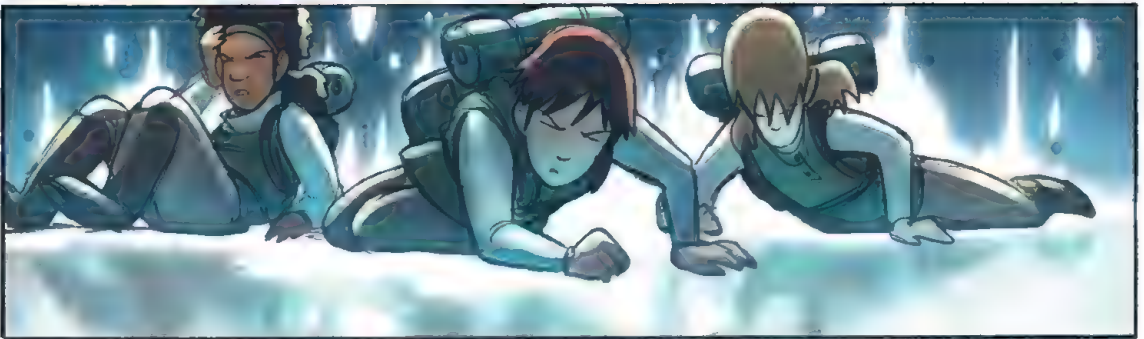


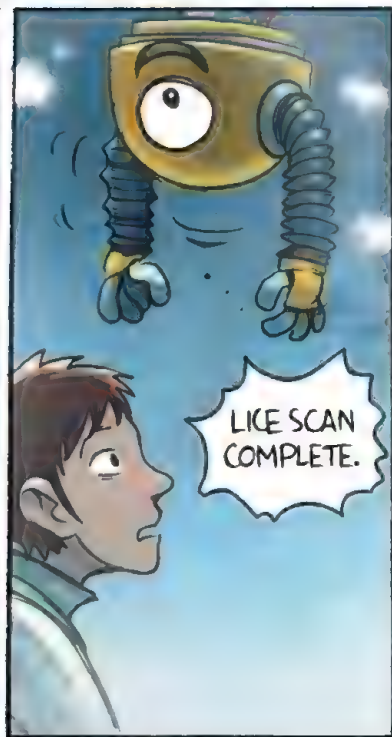


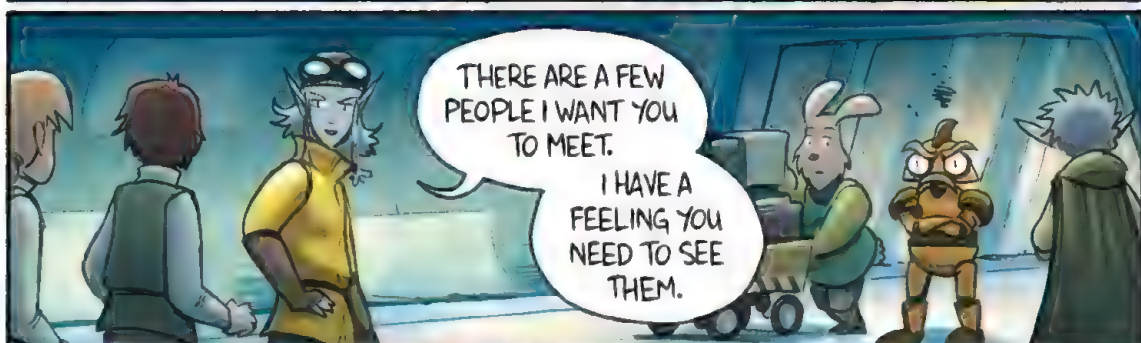


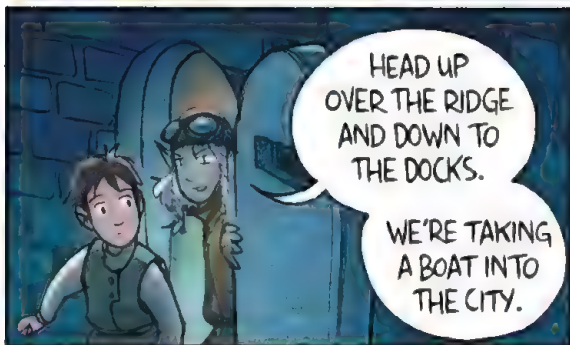




















ARE YOU
HERE TO HELP
US FIGHT THE
SHADOWS?

I, UH,
I DON'T
KNOW.



LOOK, MISTER,
EITHER YOU ARE
OR YOU AREN'T.



MY DAD SAYS YOU'LL
NEVER GET ANYWHERE
IN LIFE IF YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU
WANT.

WELL, I'M
HERE TO
HELP.



OKAY, THAT'S
MORE LIKE IT.

MY NAME'S
PATRICK.

I MIGHT BE
SMALL NOW, BUT
I'M GOING TO DO
BIG THINGS.



IF THERE'S
ANYTHING YOU
NEED, JUST LET
ME KNOW!

THANKS.

C'MON. LET'S GO
GET SOME
ICE CREAM.



THAT KID
IS REALLY
AMBITIOUS.

WE'RE GOING
TO NEED EVERYONE
TO BECOME STRONG
LIKE HIM.

BECAUSE LIFE
DOWN HERE WILL
NOT LAST.







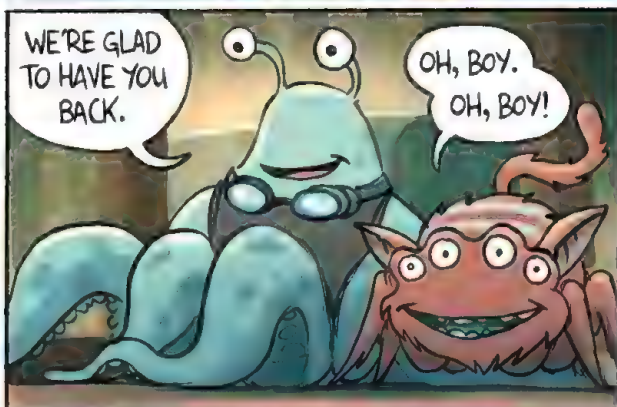
EVERYTHING
IS ABOUT TO
BECOME MORE
DIFFICULT,
NAVIN.

I HOPE
YOU'RE
READY.

YES,
SIR.



GOOD TO SEE
YOU AGAIN,
SIR!



WE'RE GLAD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK.

OH, BOY.
OH, BOY!



THE RESISTANCE
ARMY...

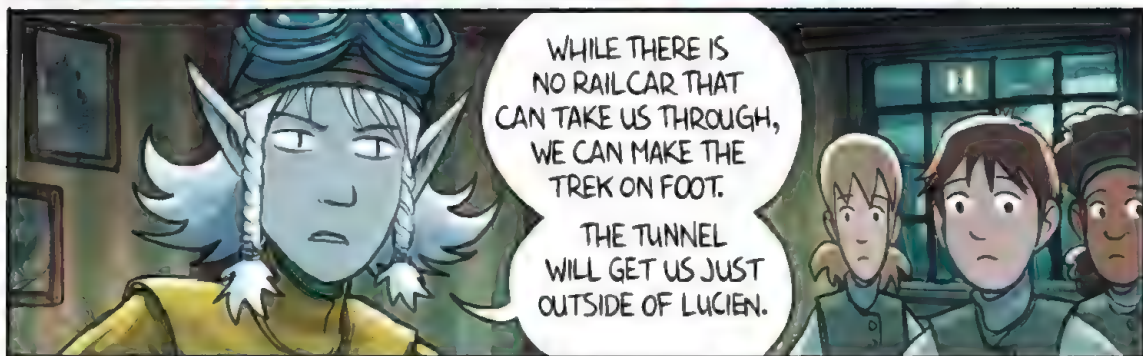
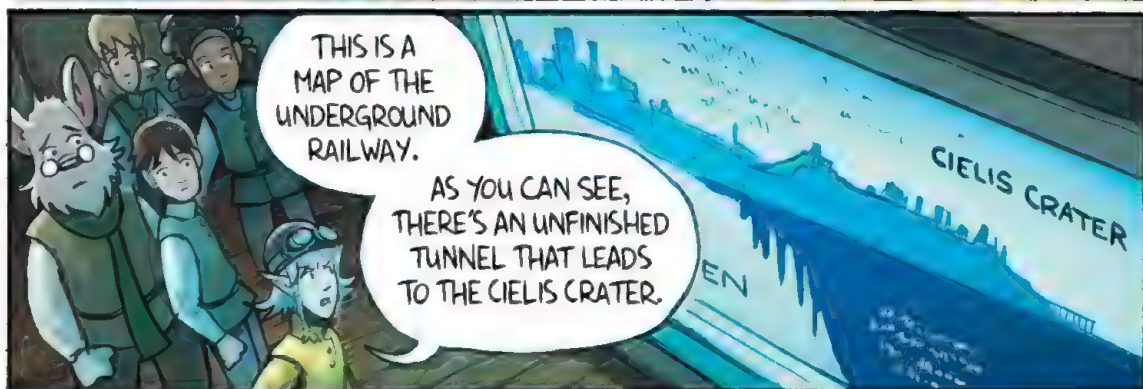
...ARE THEY
ALL HERE?

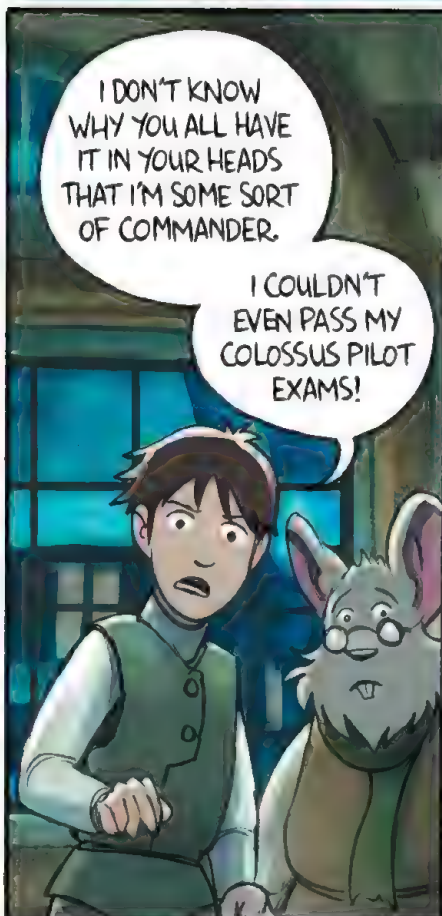
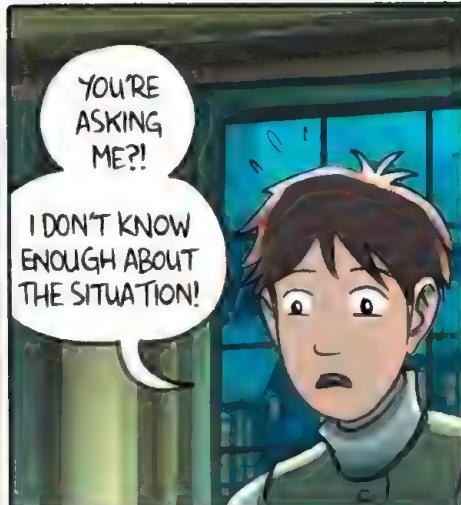


A FEW BRAVE
SOULS DID NOT
SURVIVE THE DIFFICULT
JOURNEY TO GET
HERE,

BUT THOSE THAT
LIVED ARE ALL HERE
NOW.

LUCIEN HAS BEEN
OUR HOME AWAY FROM
HOME FOR MONTHS.







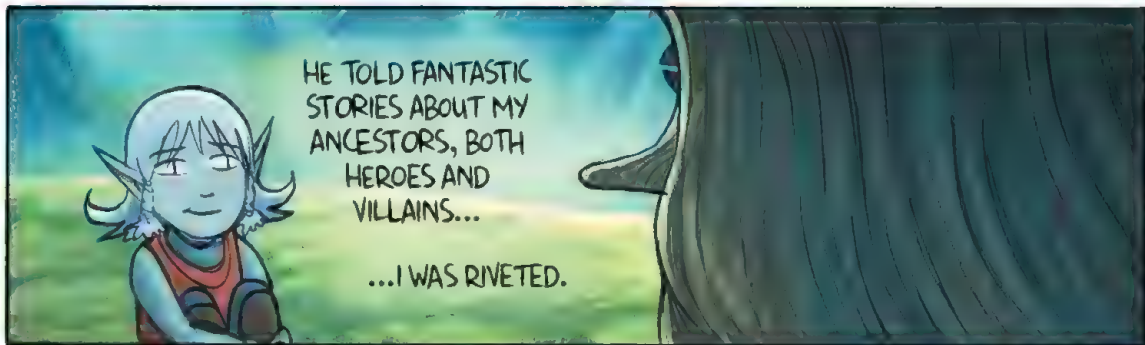
YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT I DON'T BELIEVE
IN ANY OF THIS
PROPHECY BUSINESS
EITHER,

BUT MY CLOSE
FRIENDS AND MENTORS
DO, SO I CHOOSE TO
KEEP AN OPEN MIND.



ONE OF THOSE FRIENDS
WAS AN ELDER TREE NAMED
FATHER CHARLES.

HE WAS A CLOSE FAMILY
FRIEND FOR MANY
GENERATIONS.



HE TOLD FANTASTIC
STORIES ABOUT MY
ANCESTORS, BOTH
HEROES AND
VILLAINS...

...I WAS RIVETED.



I THOUGHT
THOSE DAYS WOULD
LAST FOREVER,

BUT THEY QUICKLY
CAME TO AN END WHEN
THE ELF KING DECLARED
WAR.

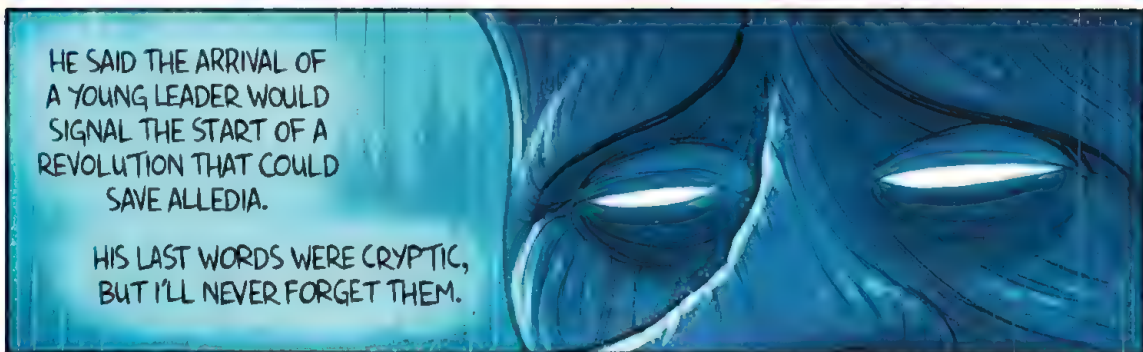
WHEN LUCIEN FELL TO THE
SHADOWS, FATHER CHARLES
BECAME GRAVELY ILL.

IN THOSE LAST DAYS,
HE SPOKE ONLY ABOUT
THE FUTURE.



HE SAID THE ARRIVAL OF
A YOUNG LEADER WOULD
SIGNAL THE START OF A
REVOLUTION THAT COULD
SAVE ALLEDIA.

HIS LAST WORDS WERE CRYPTIC,
BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET THEM.

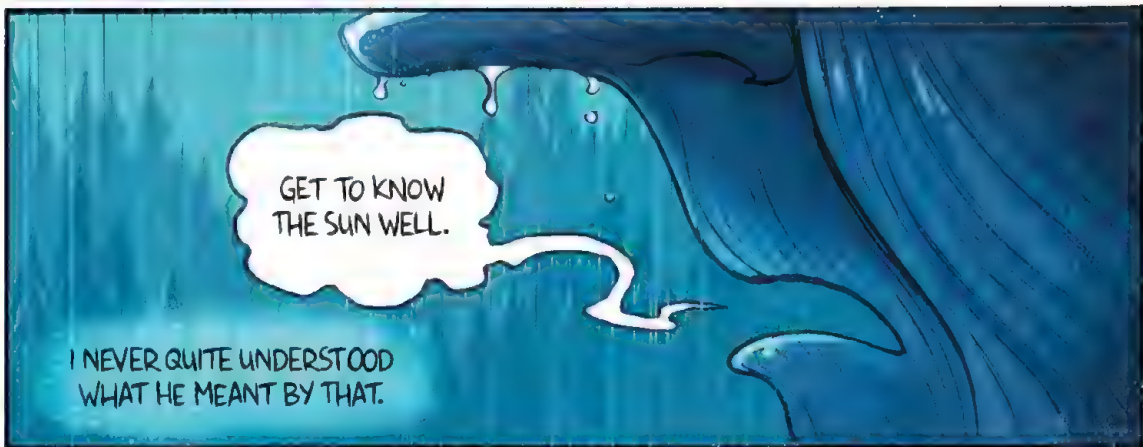


THE SKY WILL
BEGIN TO FALL,
AND A SUN WILL
RISE AGAIN.



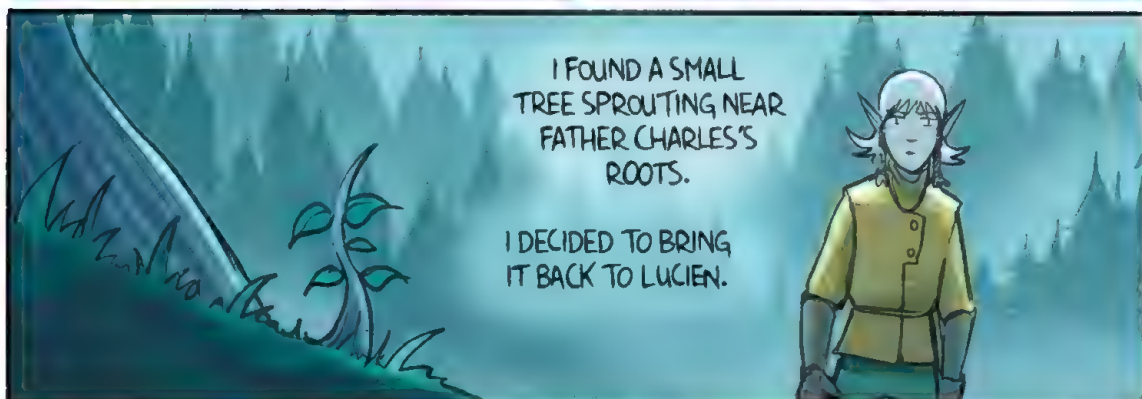
GET TO KNOW
THE SUN WELL.

I NEVER QUITE UNDERSTOOD
WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT.





THE NEXT MORNING,
FATHER CHARLES
DIED PEACEFULLY IN
HIS SLEEP.



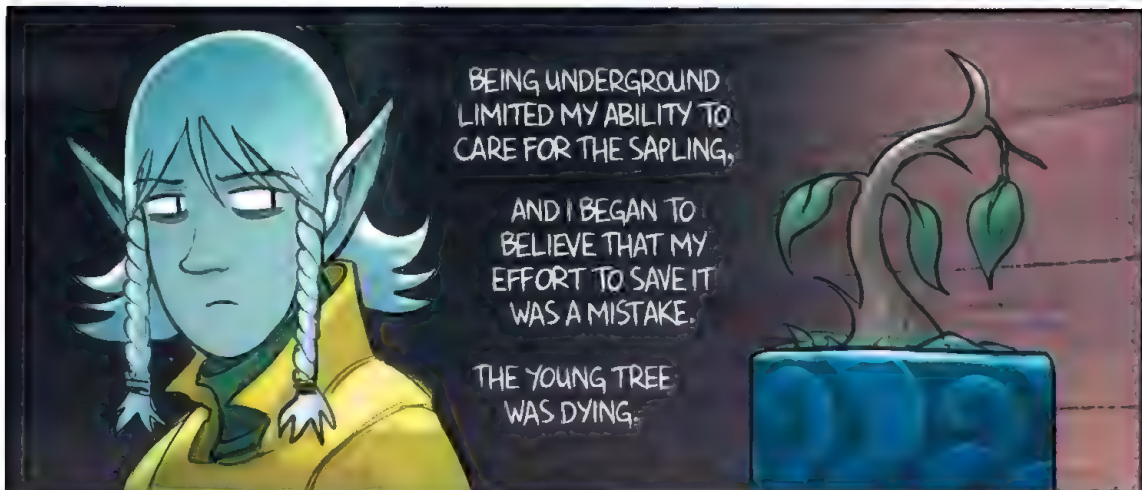
I FOUND A SMALL
TREE SPROUTING NEAR
FATHER CHARLES'S
ROOTS.

I DECIDED TO BRING
IT BACK TO LUCIEN.



I WASN'T CERTAIN THAT
IT WAS RELATED TO FATHER
CHARLES OR THAT IT WOULD
GROW INTO AN ELDER TREE,

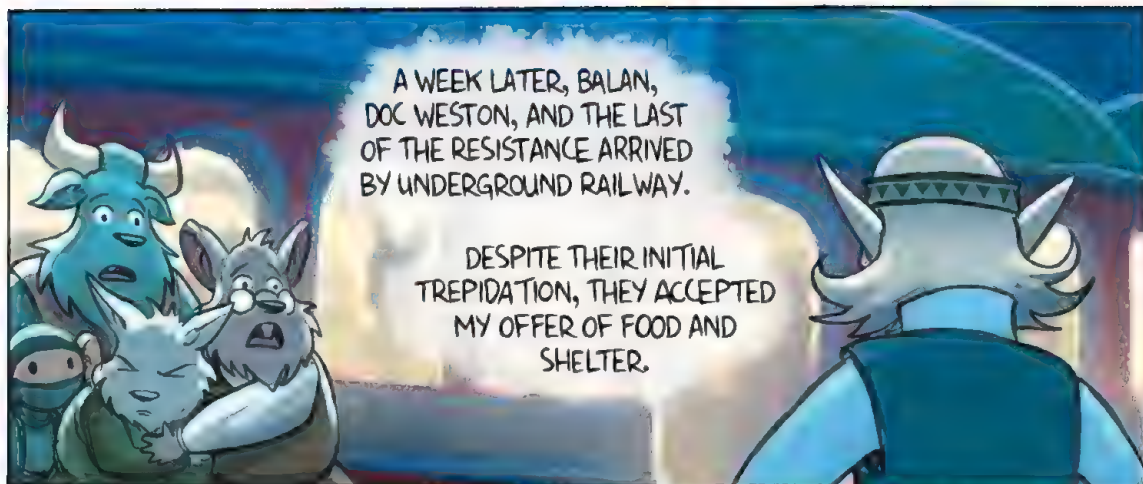
BUT I FELT THE NEED
TO SEE THE SAPLING
SURVIVE.



BEING UNDERGROUND
LIMITED MY ABILITY TO
CARE FOR THE SAPLING,

AND I BEGAN TO
BELIEVE THAT MY
EFFORT TO SAVE IT
WAS A MISTAKE.

THE YOUNG TREE
WAS DYING.



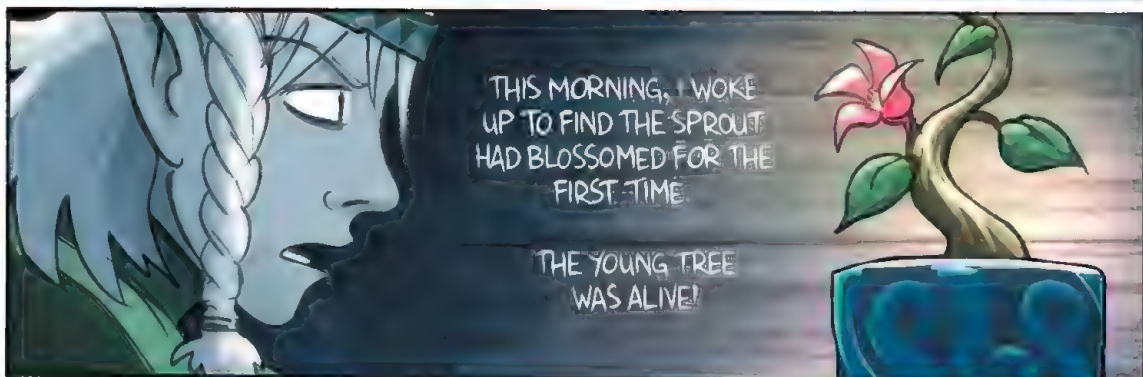
A WEEK LATER, BALAN,
DOC WESTON, AND THE LAST
OF THE RESISTANCE ARRIVED
BY UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.

DESPITE THEIR INITIAL
TREPIDATION, THEY ACCEPTED
MY OFFER OF FOOD AND
SHELTER.



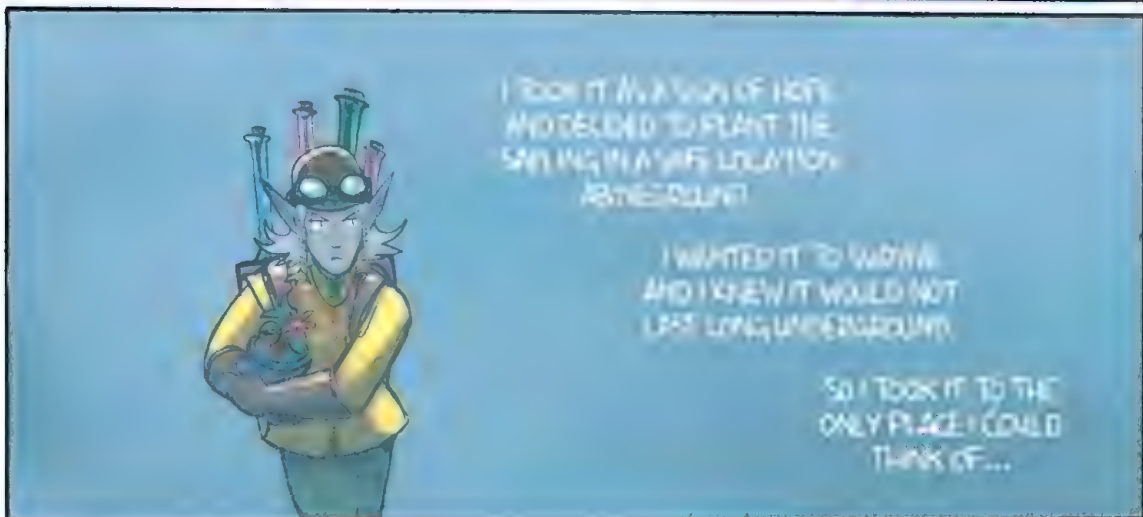
WHILE UNDER OUR CARE,
I OVERHEARD THEM TALK
ABOUT A YOUNG COMMANDER
WHO WOULD LEAD THEM...

...THEY SPOKE OF A REVOLUTIONARY
LIKE THE ONE FATHER CHARLES
TOLD ME ABOUT.



THIS MORNING, I WOKE
UP TO FIND THE SPROUT
HAD BLOSSOMED FOR THE
FIRST TIME.

THE YOUNG TREE
WAS ALIVE!



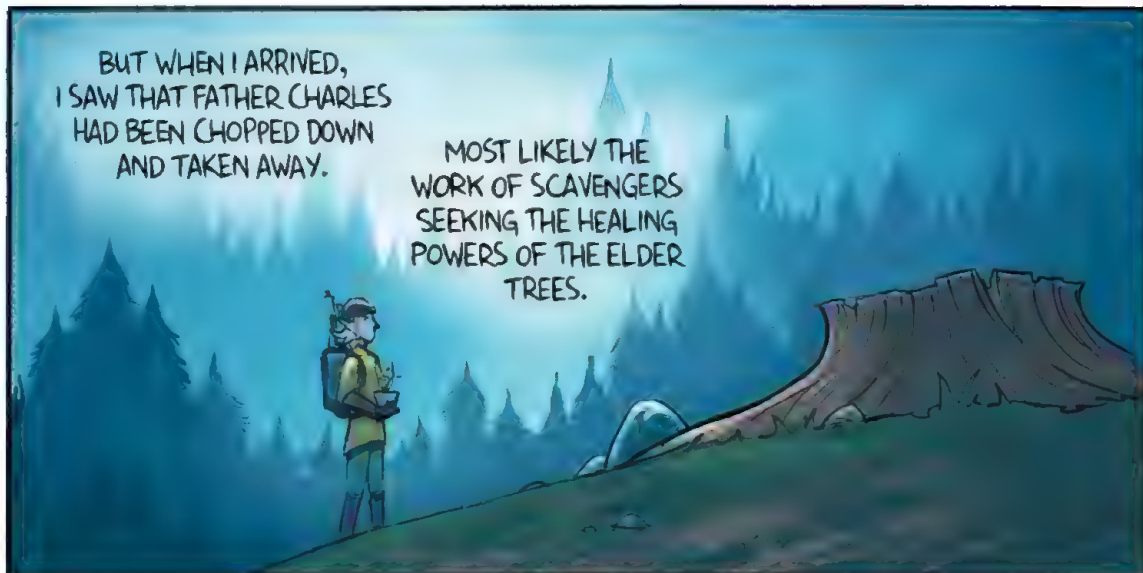
I TOOK IT AS A SIGN OF HOPE
AND DECIDED TO PLANT THE
SPROUT IN A SAFE LOCATION
UNDERGROUND.

I WANTED IT TO THRIVE
AND I KNEW IT WOULD NOT
LAST LONG UNDERGROUND.

SO I TOOK IT TO THE
ONLY PLACE I COULD
THINK OF...

BUT WHEN I ARRIVED,
I SAW THAT FATHER CHARLES
HAD BEEN CHOPPED DOWN
AND TAKEN AWAY.

MOST LIKELY THE
WORK OF SCAVENGERS
SEEKING THE HEALING
POWERS OF THE ELDER
TREES.

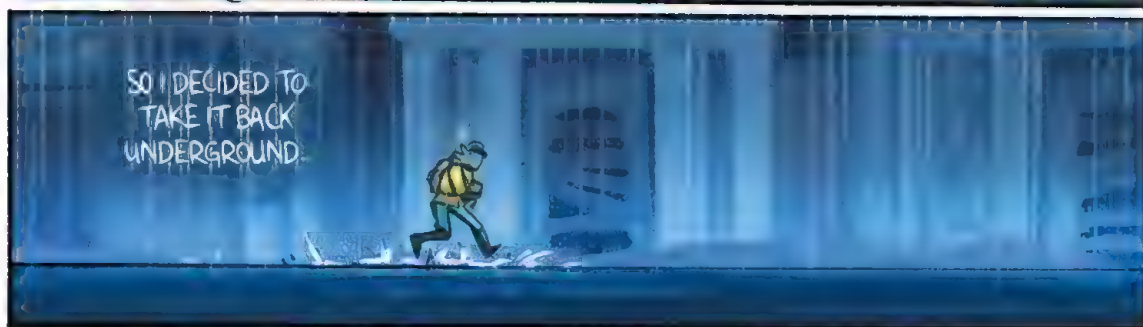


I COULDN'T LEAVE
THE SAPLING THERE.

IT NEEDED A
PROPER HOME.

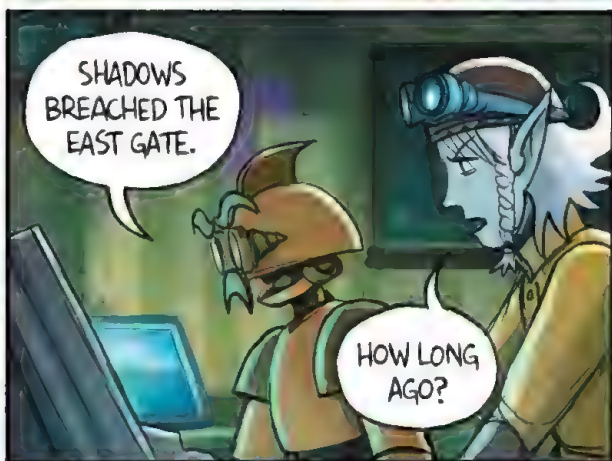


SO I DECIDED TO
TAKE IT BACK
UNDERGROUND.

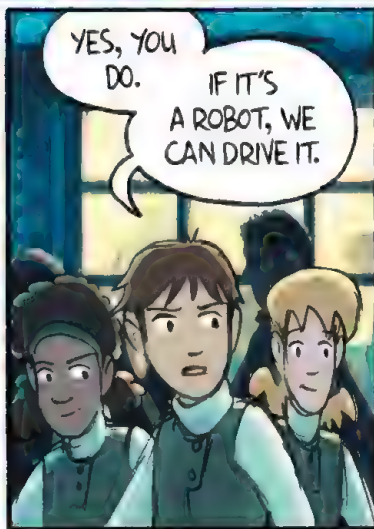


AND THAT'S
WHEN I FOUND
YOU.



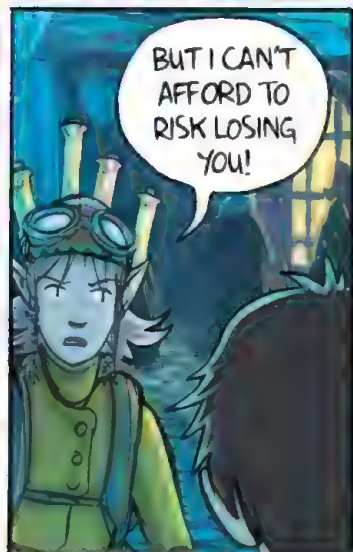


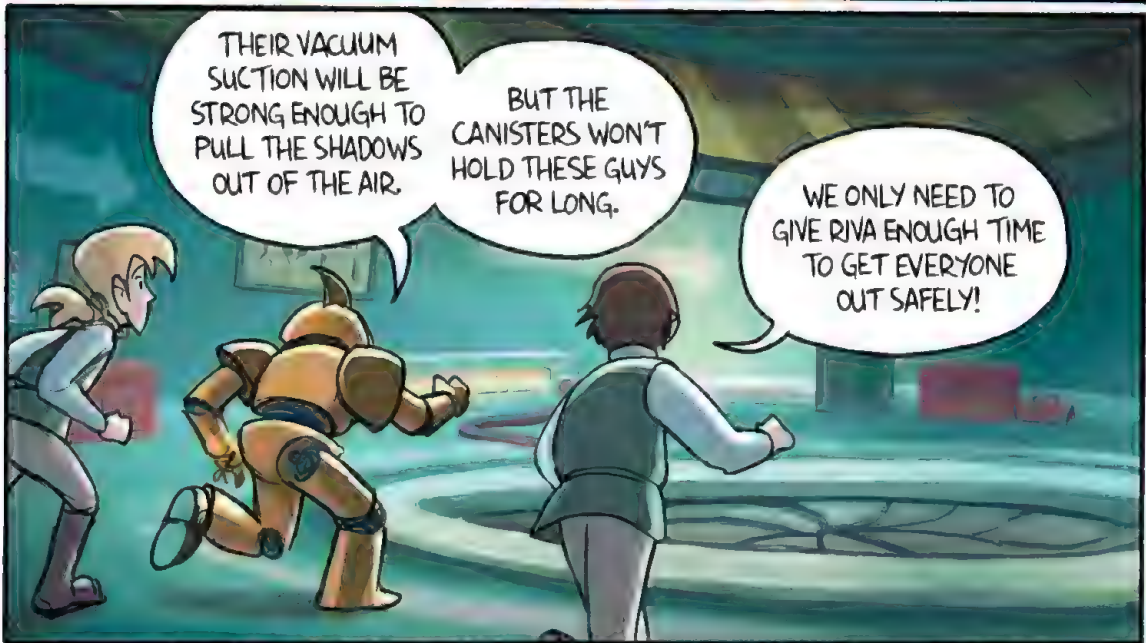


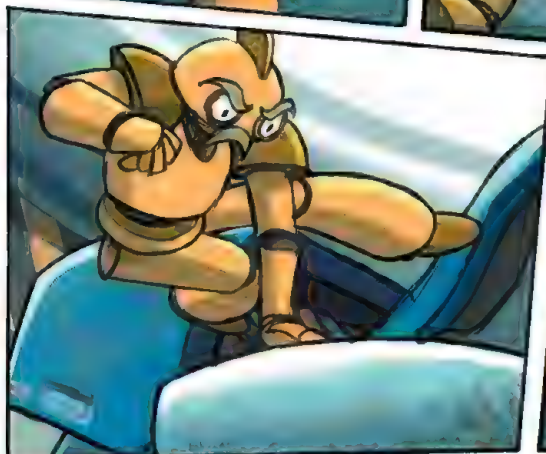


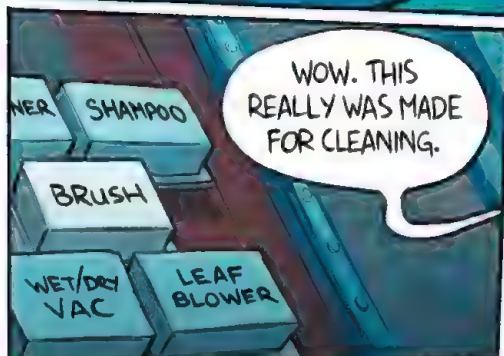


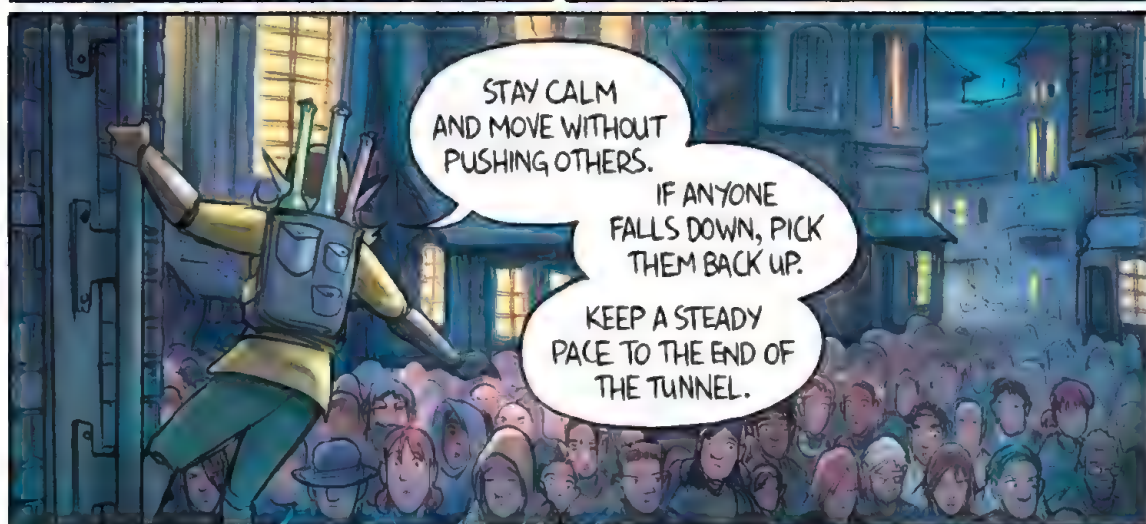


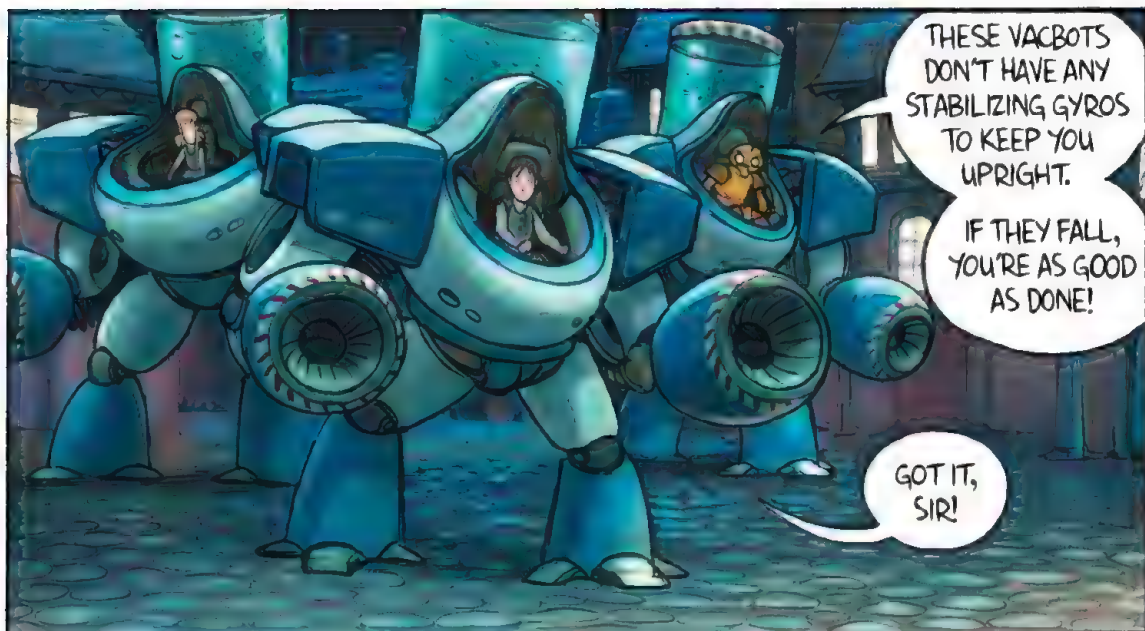






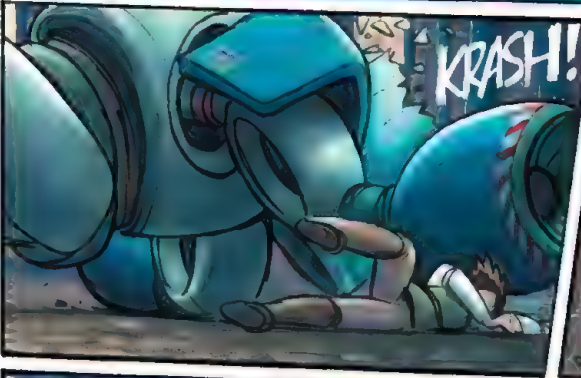




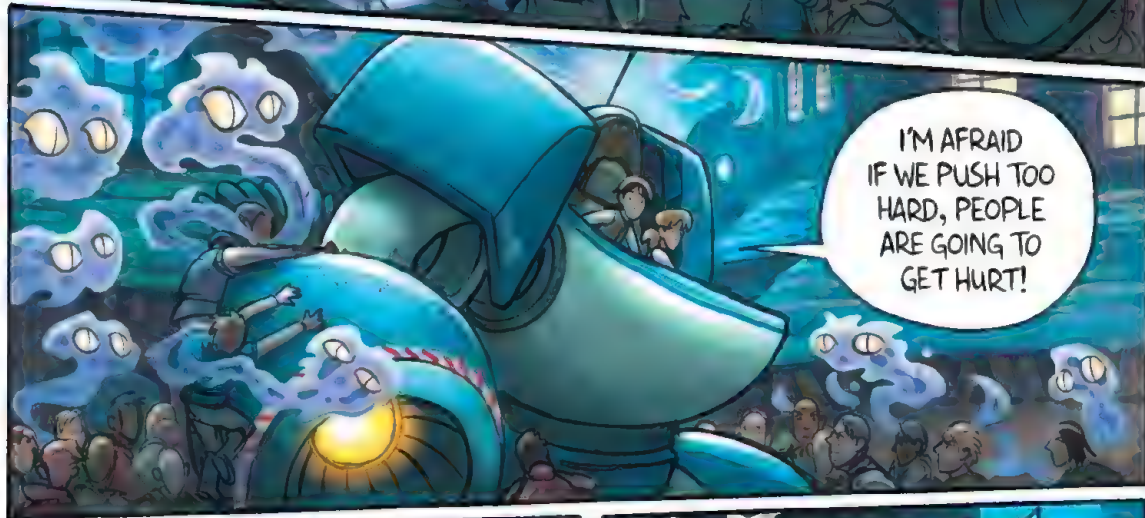
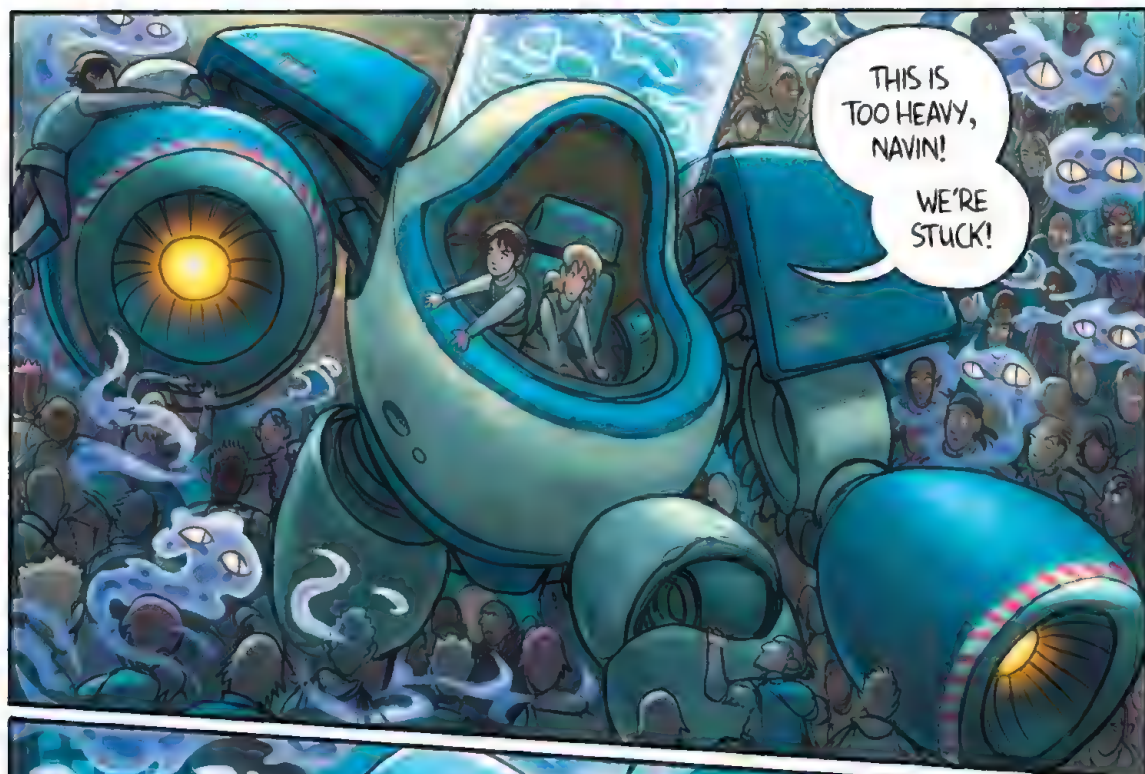


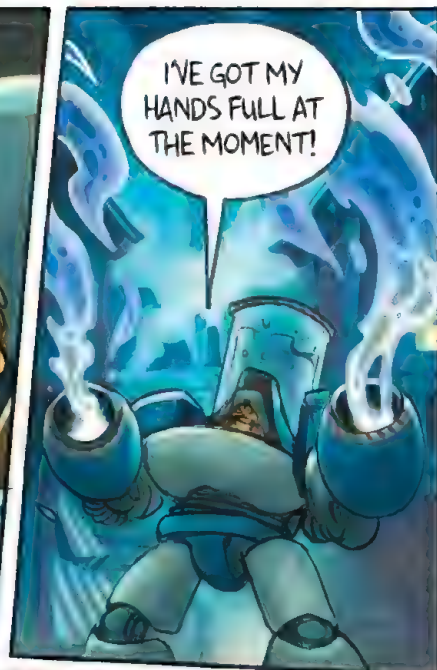


















I WISH YOU
DIDN'T LEAVE
ME ON MY
OWN, ROB.



YOU'RE
THE ONE THEY
TRAINED FOR
THIS.

NOT
ME.



NONE OF THESE
PEOPLE DOWN HERE
HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT
THEY'RE UP AGAINST.

EVERYONE'S
IN THE DARK.

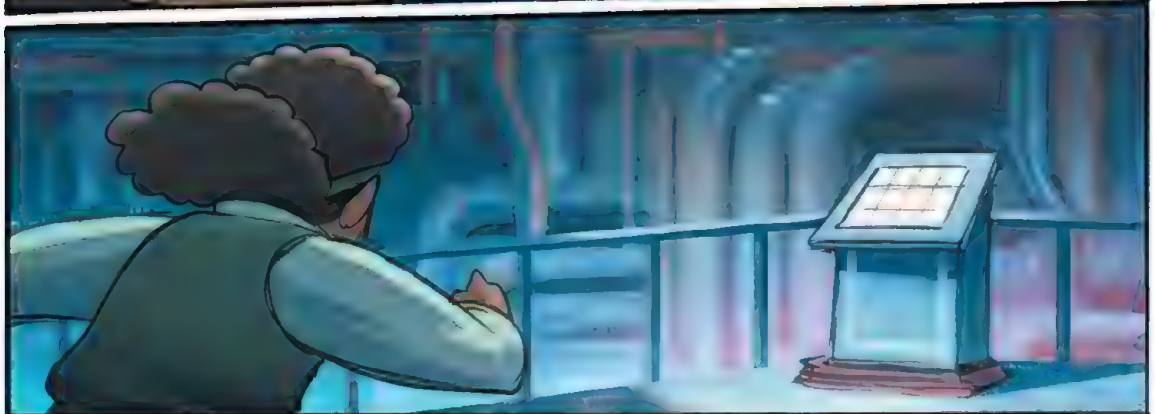
IT'S A TOTAL
MESS AND NOW
I HAVE TO CLEAN
IT UP.

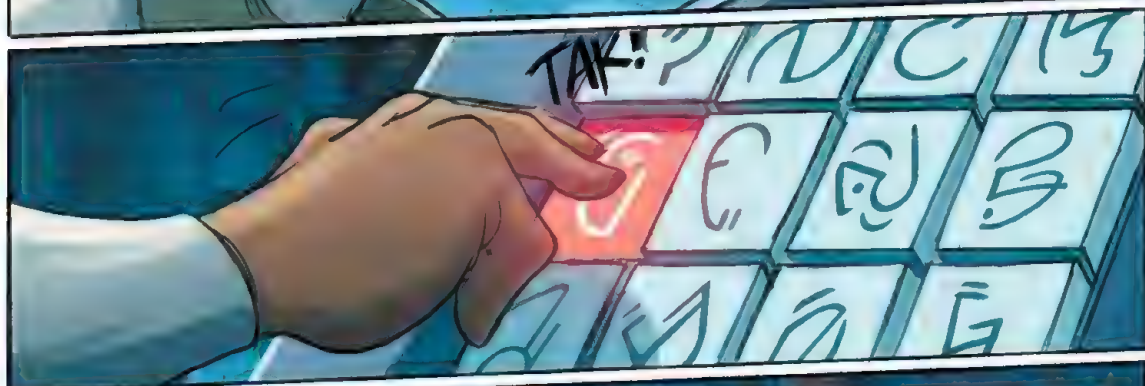


IF MY DAD
TAUGHT ME ONE
THING, IT'S THAT IF
YOU WANT ANYTHING
DONE RIGHT--

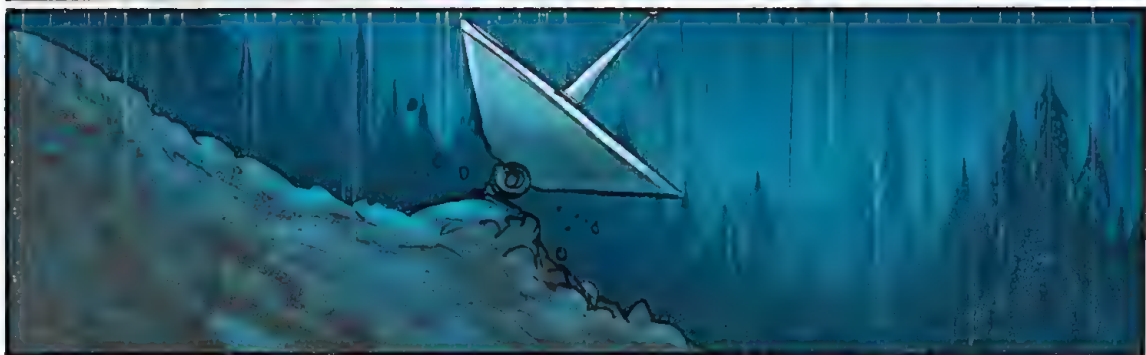
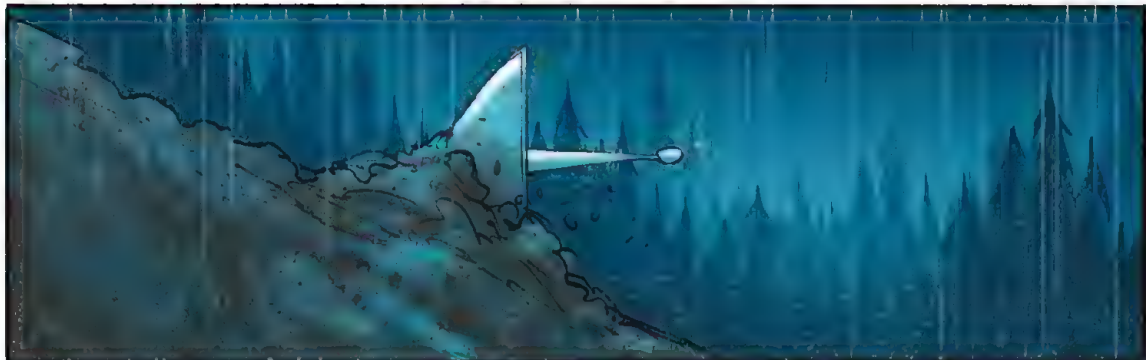
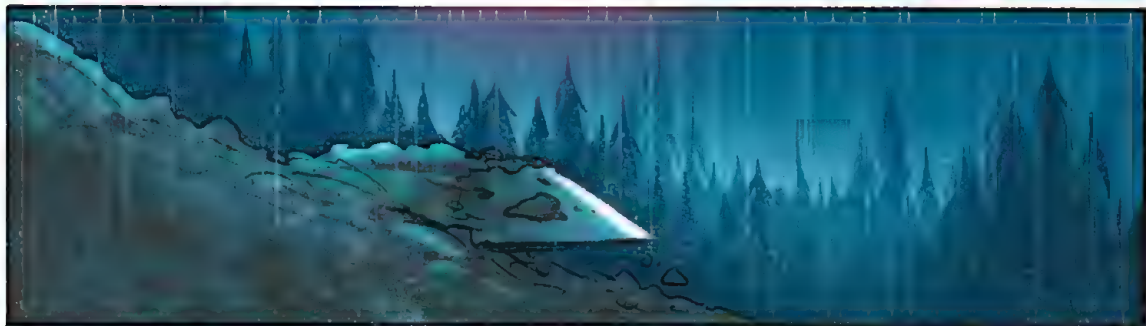
--YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO DO IT
YOURSELF.

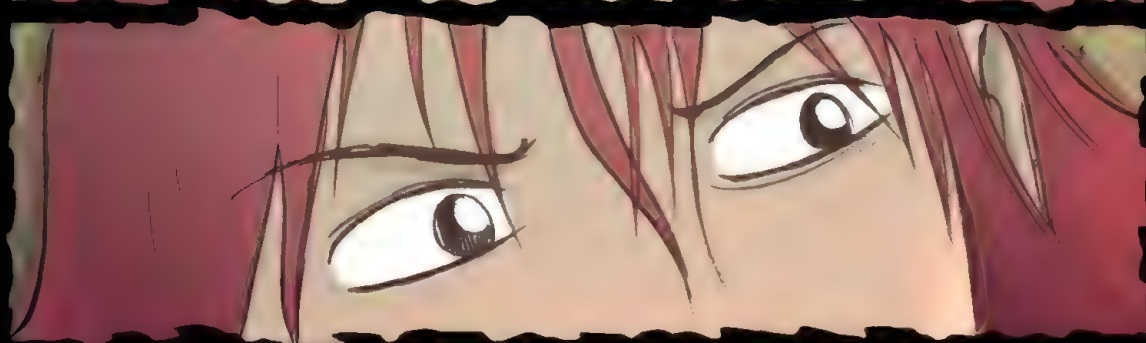
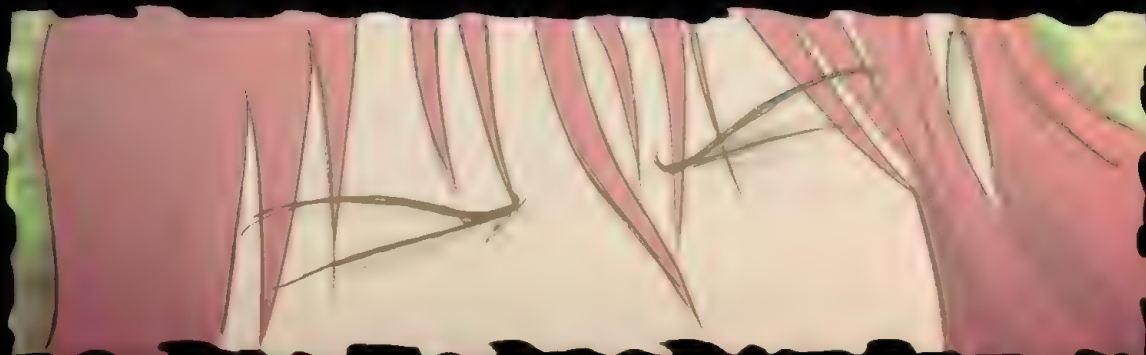












EMILY!

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

WHERE ARE
WE, VIGO?

WHOSE
MEMORY IS
THIS?



IT'S
MINE.

WE'RE IN
THE GARDEN
OF KEEPERS.

WHERE
ARE THE
OTHERS?





IF YOU KNOW
WHAT'S BEST FOR
YOU, YOU'LL TURN
THOSE ELVES IN TO
THE GUARD FOR
TREASON.

THAT INCLUDES
YOUR GIRLFRIEND!
SHE'S A TRAITOR JUST
LIKE THE REST OF
THEM.



LAYRA ISN'T A
TRAITOR!

AND SHE'S NOT
MY GIRLFRIEND!



CALL HER
WHATEVER YOU
WANT, MAX.

BUT SHE'S
TRASH, JUST LIKE
HER FAMILY.



NO.

THEY'RE
BETTER THAN
YOU.



GET BACK
UP, ELF
LOVER!

STUPID
TRAITOR!



YOU DON'T
DESERVE TO
BE IN THE
ACADEMY!

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

HAVING TO DEAL WITH
LOSERS LIKE YOU IS A
SPECIAL KIND OF
PUNISHMENT I DON'T
DESERVE.

WHAT DID
YOU CALL ME,
GRIFFIN?!

YOU HEARD
ME JUST FINE--
LOSER.

I DON'T NEED
FRIENDS LIKE
YOU.

SELFISH
PUNKS...

SZRAK!

NO
HONOR.
NO
CLASS.

MAX,
STOP IT!
YOU'RE
KILLING HIM!

I... CAN'T...
BREATHE...

ERGH!

THEN DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.





OOF!!



WHO DID THAT?!

SHOW YOURSELF!!



I JUST DID YOU A BIG FAVOR, MY FRIEND.

VIGO!



IF THAT CLOWN DIED, YOU'D BE PUT IN YARBORO PRISON FOR LIFE.

HE'S NOT WORTH IT.

YOU OUGHT TO STAY OUT OF MY BUSINESS, VIGO.



VIGO, IS THAT YOU?!

SO LONG AGO IT FEELS LIKE A FORMER LIFE.



WE WENT ON TO BE FRIENDS SOON AFTER.



I WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY OTHER STUDENT HE TRUSTED.

LET'S GO FIND THE OTHERS.



WHO IS
LAYRA?

LAYRA WAS
MAX'S BEST
FRIEND.

SHE WAS
AN ELF.



HER FAMILY WAS
CONVICTED OF CRIMES
THEY DIDN'T COMMIT
AND PUT IN PRISON.

WE ALL KNEW
THE REAL REASON THEY
WERE PUT AWAY --

BECAUSE THEY
WERE ELVES.



BUT WERE
THEY WORKING
FOR THE ELF
KING?

NO, THEY
DID NOTHING
WRONG.

IN FACT,
THEY DID A
LOT TO HELP
BUILD CIELIS.

LAYRA'S
FATHER WAS AN
ARCHITECT.



MAX TRIED TO
BREAK THEM OUT
OF PRISON...

BUT THEY DIED
DURING THE ESCAPE
ATTEMPT.

AND MAX WAS SENT
TO THE ICE PRISON OF
KORTHAN FOR HIS
ACTIONS.

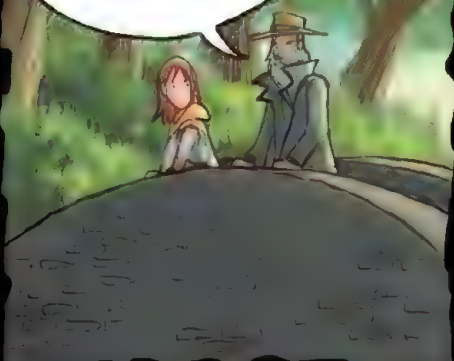
AND
LAYRA?

SHE DIED
WITH HER
FAMILY.

THE MAX YOU
KNOW IS A GHOST.
ONLY A POWERFUL
CURSE KEEPS HIM
HERE.

AFTER FIFTY
YEARS, IT SEEMS
MAX HAS FORGOTTEN
THE NATURE OF HIS
ARRANGEMENT.

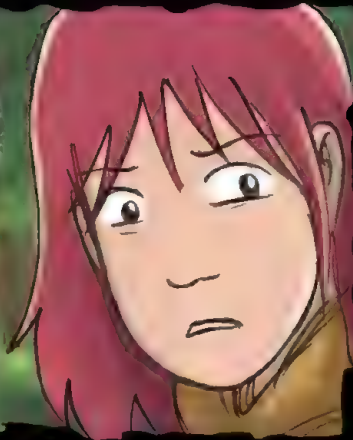
GOES TO SHOW
HOW NARROW HIS
FOCUS HAS BECOME
IN PURSUIT OF
VENGEANCE.



VIGO...

DO YOU THINK
ALL STONEKEEPERS
ARE CURSED?

MAYBE THAT'S
WHY WE WERE
CHOSEN.



NOT BECAUSE
WE WERE THE MOST
POWERFUL...

...BUT BECAUSE
WE WERE THE MOST
VULNERABLE.

HM.



THERE
YOU ARE!



THIS MUST
BE YOUR MEMORY
OF THIS PLACE,
VIGO.

MY VERSION
WOULD BE MUCH
LESS IDYLIC.





UNFORTUNATELY,
WE WILL NOT FIND
THE VOICE HERE.

HE INSISTS
THAT I MEET HIM
IN VALCOR.

AND YOU
OBLIGE HIM.

WE STILL HAVE
THE ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE, VIGO.



I DON'T
THINK YOU
DO, MAX.

GIVE ME
YOUR HAND.

ALWAYS THE
PESSIMIST,
VIGO.

AND
ALWAYS
WRONG.



OKAY, MY
FRIEND.

WE'RE
READY!

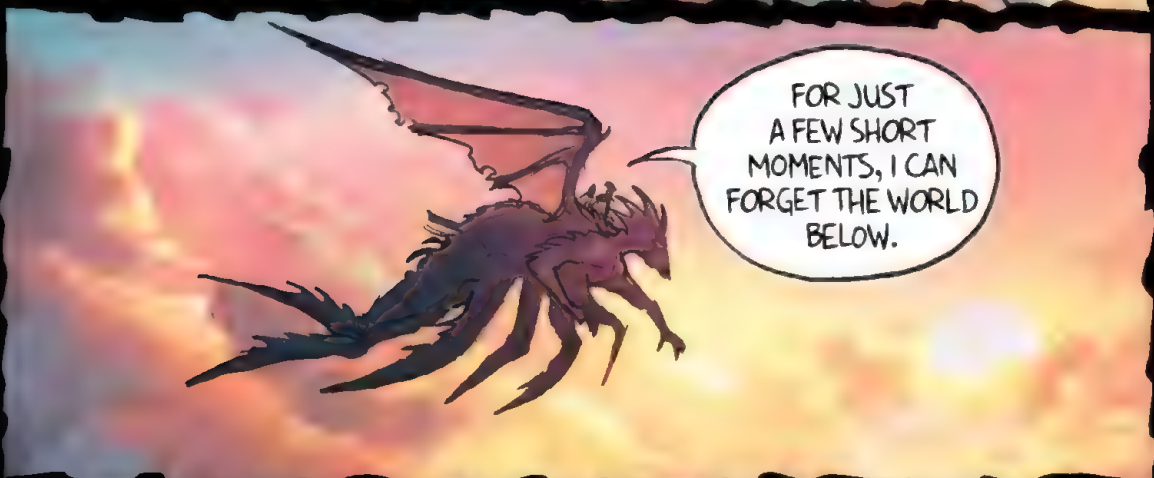
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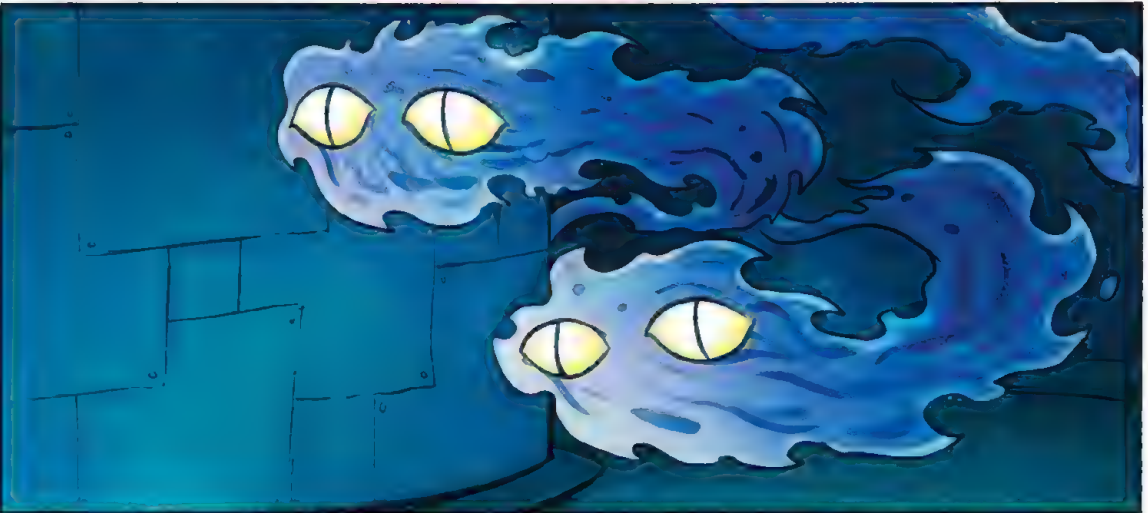
LOOK,
EMILY.

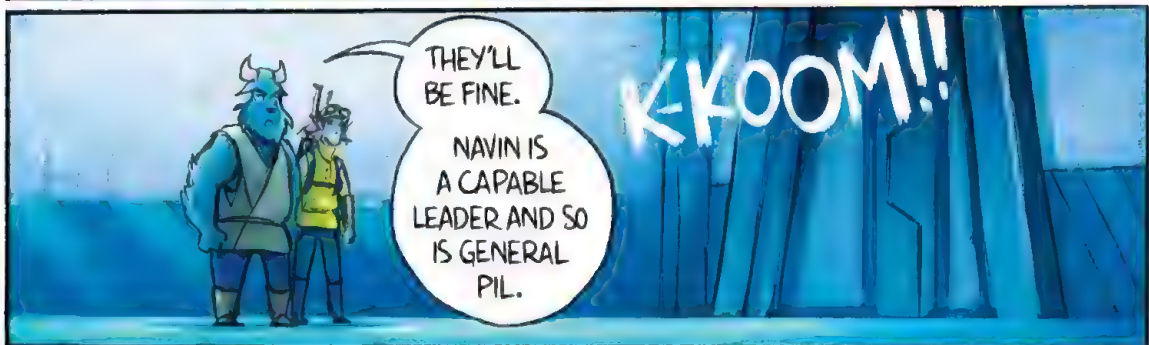
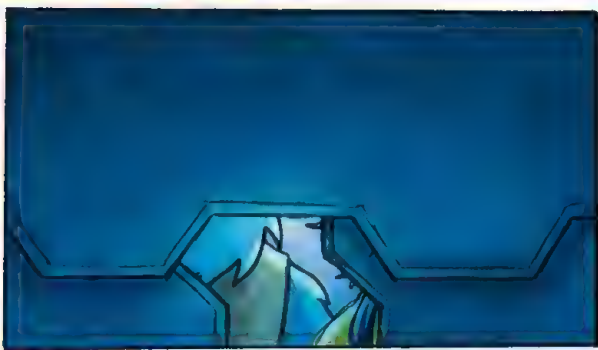
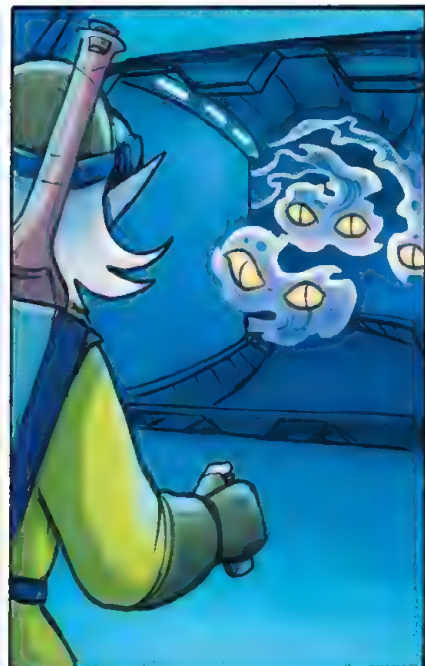


THESE ARE
MY FAVORITE
MOMENTS.
BEING ABOVE
THE CLOUDS AT
SUNSET.



FOR JUST
A FEW SHORT
MOMENTS, I CAN
FORGET THE WORLD
BELOW.





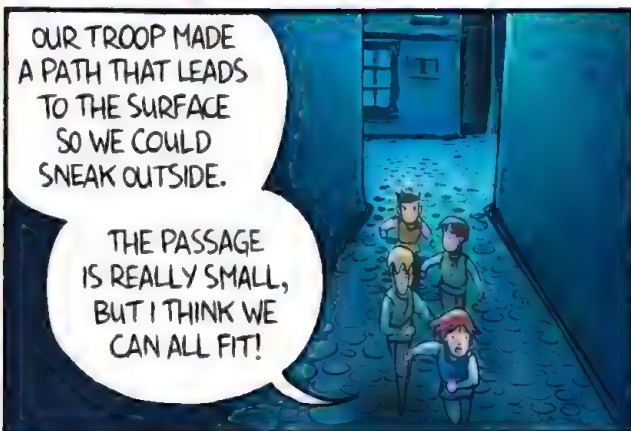




HERE COME
THE GAS
PEOPLE!



FOLLOW
ME!



OUR TROOP MADE
A PATH THAT LEADS
TO THE SURFACE
SO WE COULD
SNEAK OUTSIDE.

THE PASSAGE
IS REALLY SMALL,
BUT I THINK WE
CAN ALL FIT!



OVER
HERE!

INTO THE
PIPE!



I DON'T
KNOW,
GUYS.



THIS
WON'T
WORK.

ALY AND I
CAN'T FIT.



HOW DO
YOU KNOW?

YOU HAVEN'T
TRIED YET!

AND THIS
IS THE ONLY
WAY OUT!

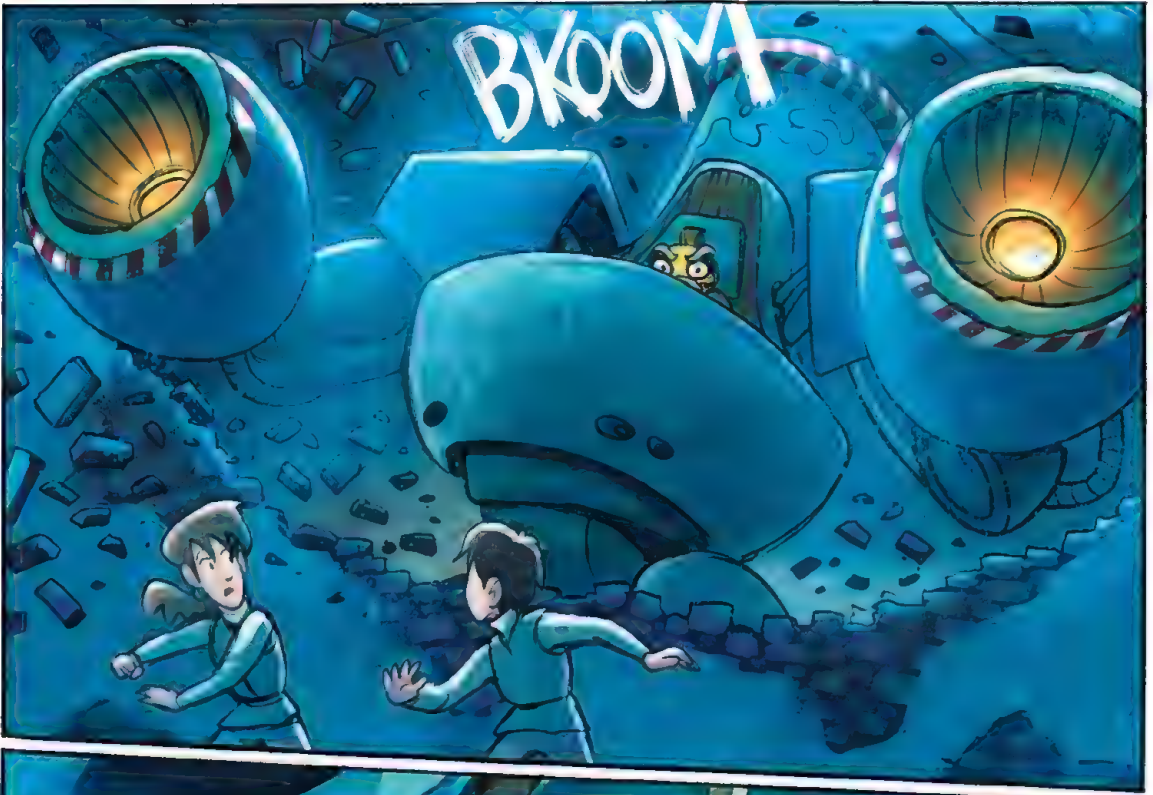
SIR!

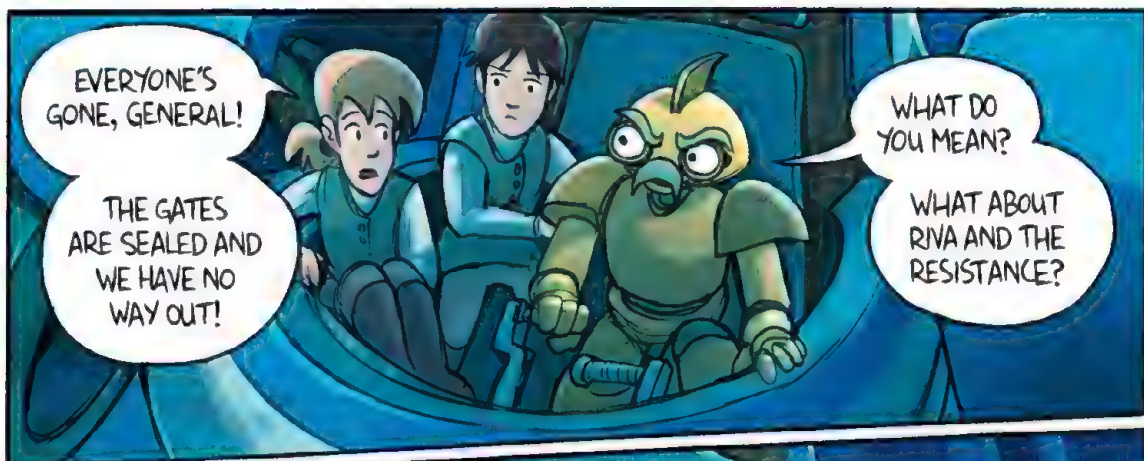
I'LL COME
BACK TO YOU.

WE CAN FIND
ANOTHER WAY
OUTSIDE!













WHEN MY FOLKS
LEFT TOWN YEARS
AGO, THEY LEFT ME
WITH THE FAMILY
BUSINESS.

I TRIED TO
RUN IT FOR A
FEW YEARS, BUT
IT JUST WASN'T
FOR ME.



SINCE THEN, I'VE
BEEN USING THE
BUILDING TO STORE
VALUABLE GOODS.

THE TRANSPORE
IS IN THE FREEZER
FOR SAFEKEEPING.

YOU
GUYS...



THEY'RE
EVERY-
WHERE.

ALY!



GET
INSIDE!



IN THE FREEZER,
THROUGH THE
KITCHEN!

GO
NOW!!!

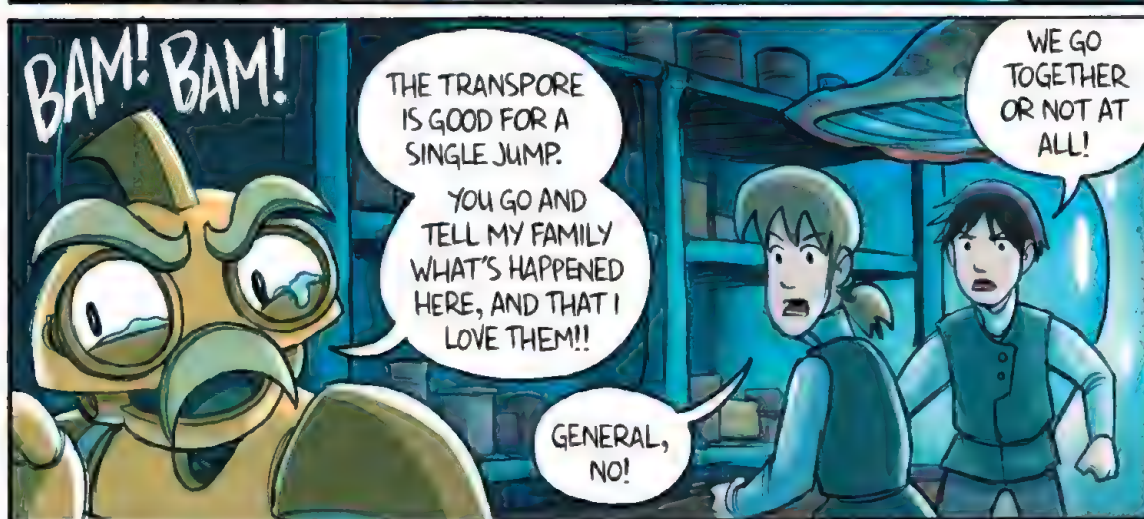


KRAK!

JEEPERS!

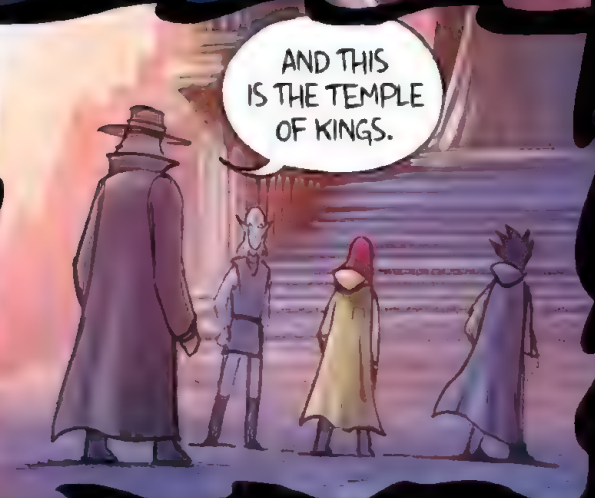


INCOMING!!











AH, THEN THIS
IS WHERE THE
NEW KINGS ARE
CROWNED.

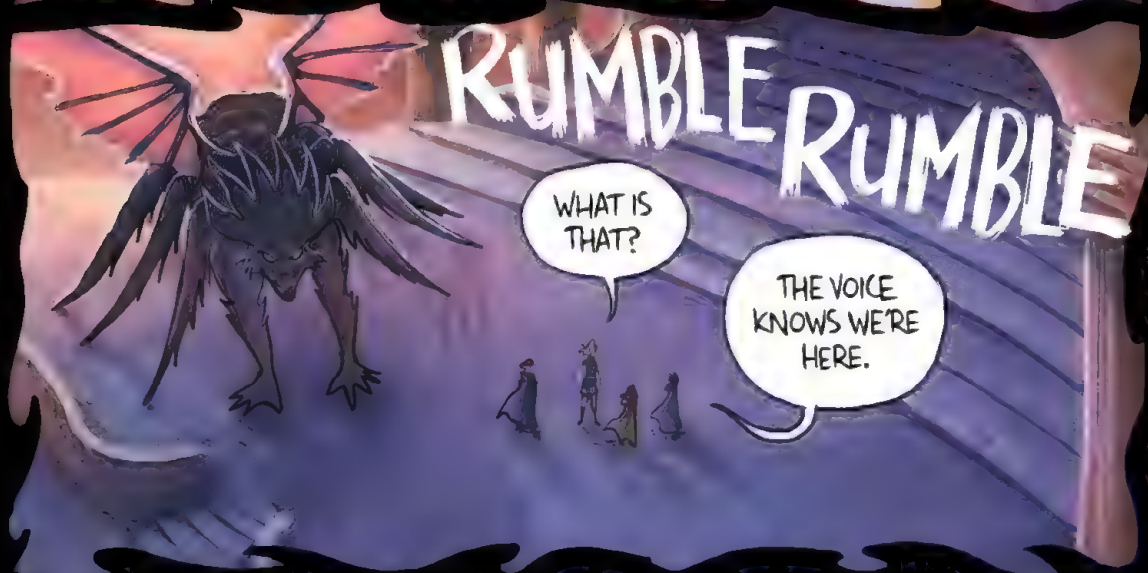


IT'S ALSO
WHERE KINGS
ARE LAID TO
REST WHEN
THEY DIE.



THEIR BODIES
ARE BURIED HERE
BESIDE KINGS OF
THE PAST.

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUM



RUMBLE RUMBLE

WHAT IS
THAT?

THE VOICE
KNOWS WE'RE
HERE.



MY DEAR
MAX,
I'M VERY
DISAPPOINTED.

I SEE YOU
BROUGHT SOME
COMPANY.

WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL ME
EARLIER?

I WOULD
HAVE PREPARED
TEA AND CAKES.

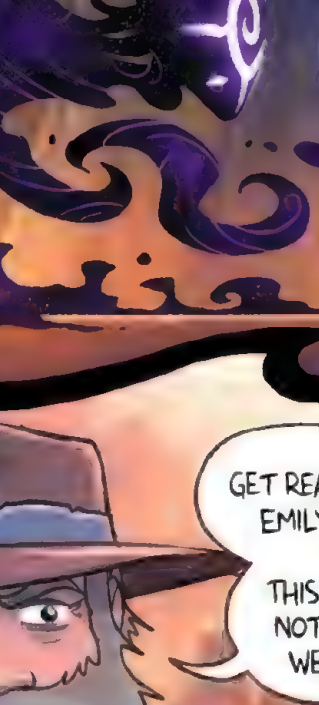


THIS WAS NOT
MEANT TO BE A
CORDIAL EVENT.

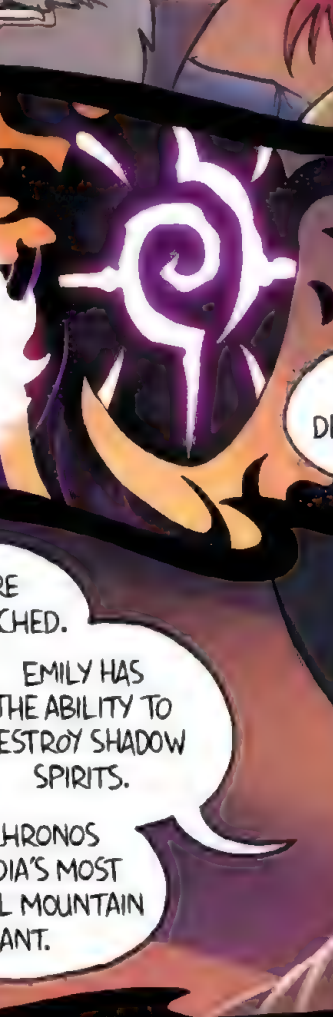
UNLESS YOU
WANT TO THINK OF
IT AS A FAREWELL
PARTY.



A FAREWELL
PARTY?
FOR WHOM?




GET READY,
EMILY.



THIS WILL
NOT END
WELL.



OH, THIS
IS A PARTY
FOR ME.



WE CAN
DEFEAT YOU.

YOU'RE
OVERMATCHED.

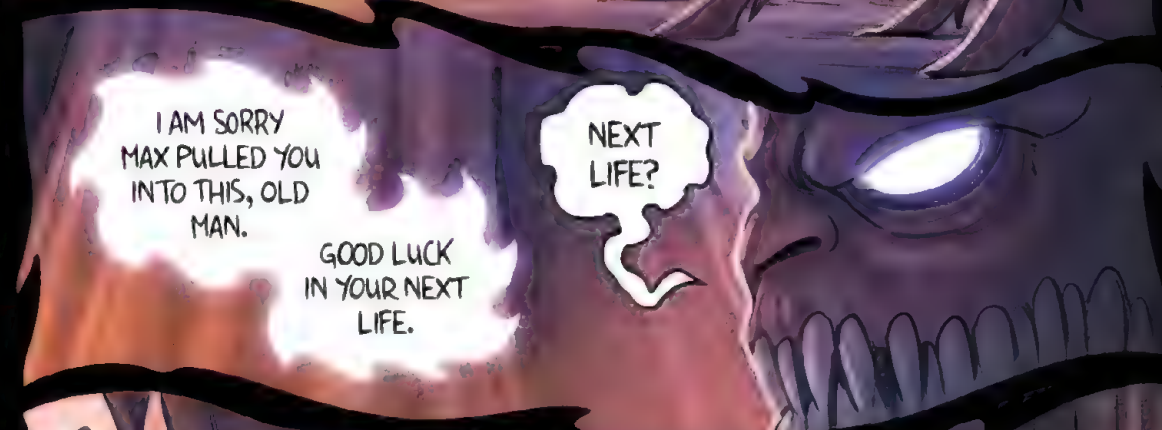
EMILY HAS
THE ABILITY TO
DESTROY SHADOW
SPIRITS.

AND CHRONOS
IS ALLEDIA'S MOST
POWERFUL MOUNTAIN
GIANT.



AH, RIGHT.

YOUR
FAITHFUL
STEED.



I AM SORRY
MAX PULLED YOU
INTO THIS, OLD
MAN.

GOOD LUCK
IN YOUR NEXT
LIFE.

NEXT
LIFE?



No!

WAIT.

KRUNCH!

SPLATCH!

CHRONOS...

IT WILL TAKE MUCH
MORE THAN A GIANT BUG
TO INTIMIDATE ME,
MY FRIEND.

YOU'LL
PAY FOR
THIS!

FASH!

NO, I
WON'T.



OOF!


'NGH!

DID YOU EXPECT
TO SIMPLY WALK
INTO MY HOUSE
AND SWEEP ME
OUT?

WE'RE
STRONGER
THAN YOU.

NOT HERE,
MY FRIEND.

NOT IN
MY HOME.



YOU'VE BEEN
A GOOD HELPER,
BUT I THINK IT IS
TIME TO MOVE
ON...



PUT HIM
DOWN!

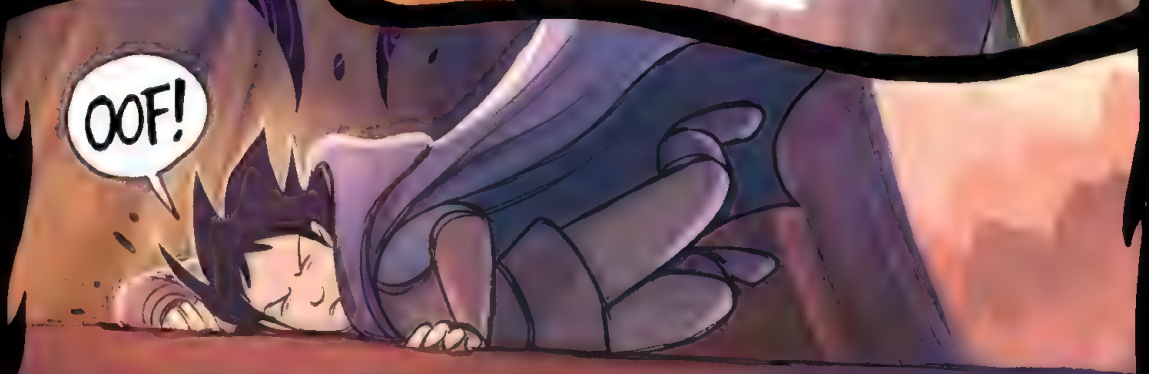


HE IS A
CANCER TO
US ALL,
EMILY.

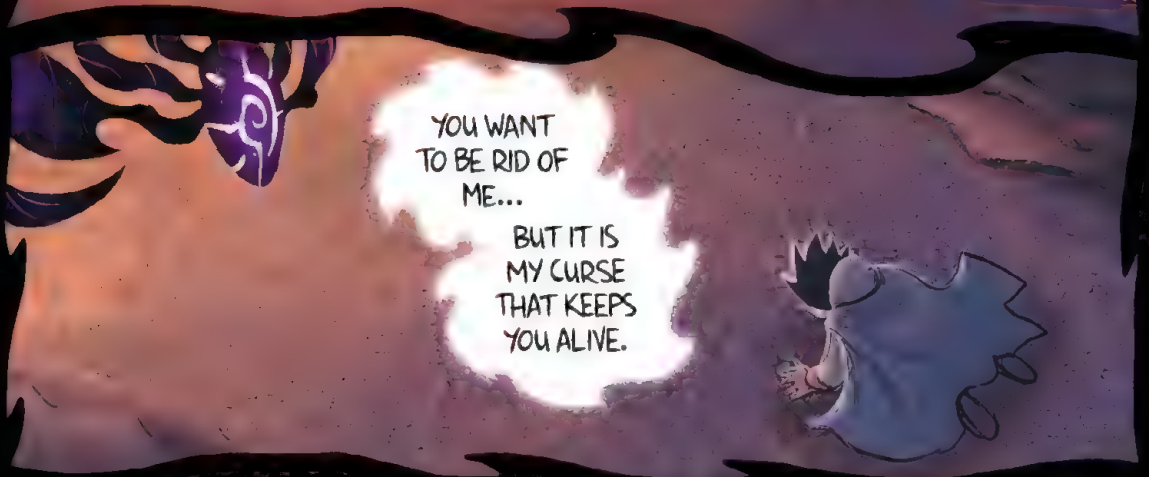


I SAID
PUT HIM
DOWN.

AS YOU
WISH.




OOF!




YOU WANT
TO BE RID OF
ME...

BUT IT IS
MY CURSE
THAT KEEPS
YOU ALIVE.




DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA WHO YOU'RE
DEALING WITH?

THE ELF KING IS
NOT SOMEONE YOU
SHOULD TAKE
LIGHTLY.



AND FOR
THAT MATTER,
NEITHER AM I.


I GAVE YOU
A CHANCE TO
HAVE YOUR
REVENGE.



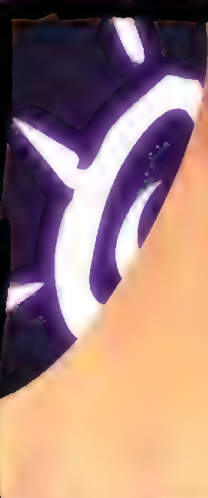
WITH THIS
CHANCE, YOU
KILLED COUNTLESS
SOLDIERS AND
CIVILIANS.

HAS IT BROUGHT
YOU THE SOLACE YOU
SEEK?

HAS IT BROUGHT
YOU PEACE?



MOST OF THE
YOUNG SOLDIERS
HAD NO IDEA WHAT
THEIR ANCESTORS
WERE GUILTY OF
DOING.



AND YET YOU
PUNISHED THEM
DEARLY.

YOU SHOWED
NO MERCY IN
YOUR ACTIONS.



TIME CAN
HEAL MANY
WOUNDS,
MAX.



UNLESS
YOU WORK
TO DISALLOW
IT.



WHY
WOULD I DO
THAT?

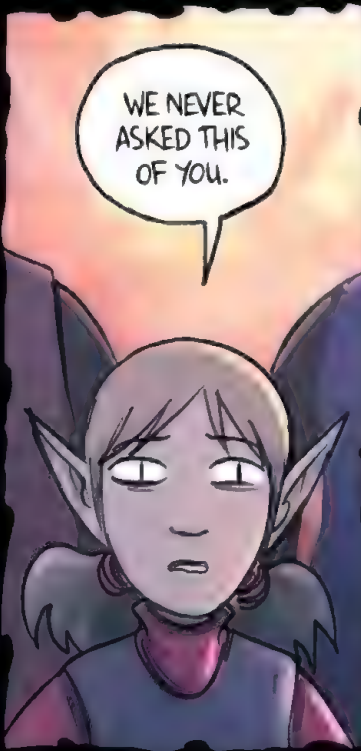


BECAUSE
THERE ARE SOME
MEMORIES YOU
REFUSE TO PUT
AWAY.

MAX.



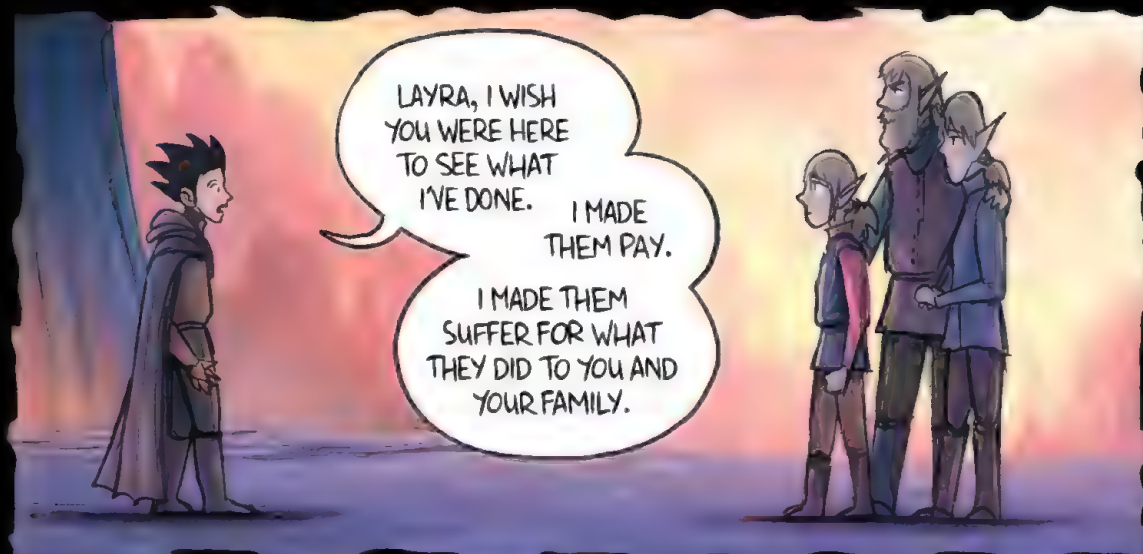
LAYRA?

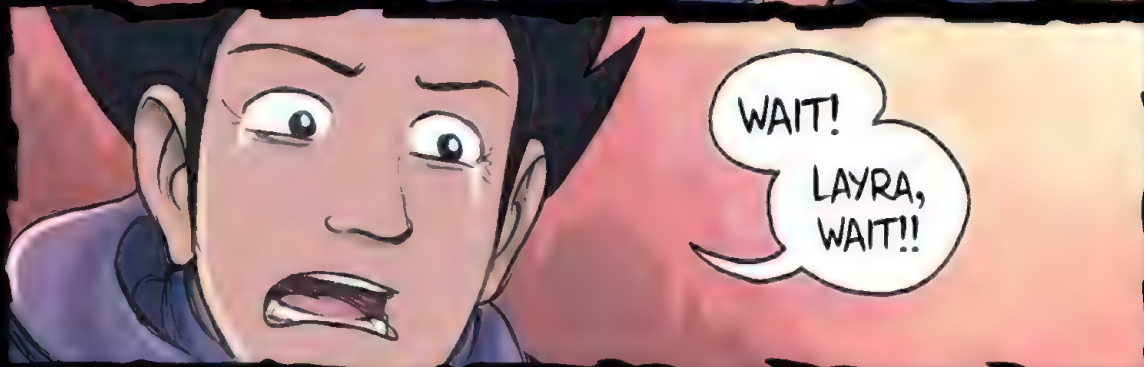


WE NEVER
ASKED THIS
OF YOU.



PLEASE,
STOP.



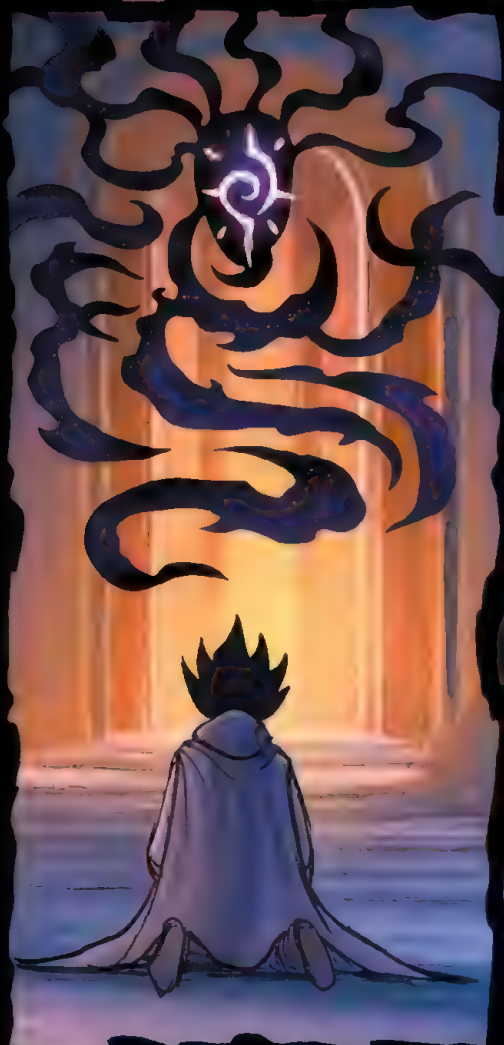




LAYRA!



DON'T
LEAVE.



MAX, WALK
AWAY FROM
THIS.

EMILY.



I SHOULD
HAVE DIED A LONG
TIME AGO.



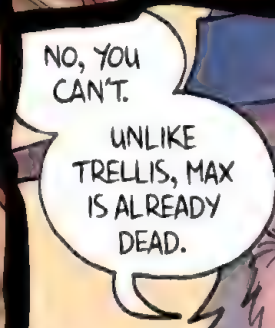
HE'S RIGHT,
EMILY.

LET THIS
ONE GO.



I WAS ABLE
TO SAVE
TRELLIS.

I CAN
HELP MAX!



NO, YOU
CAN'T.

UNLIKE
TRELLIS, MAX
IS ALREADY
DEAD.



JUST DO
IT NOW!

I'M READY
TO GO!

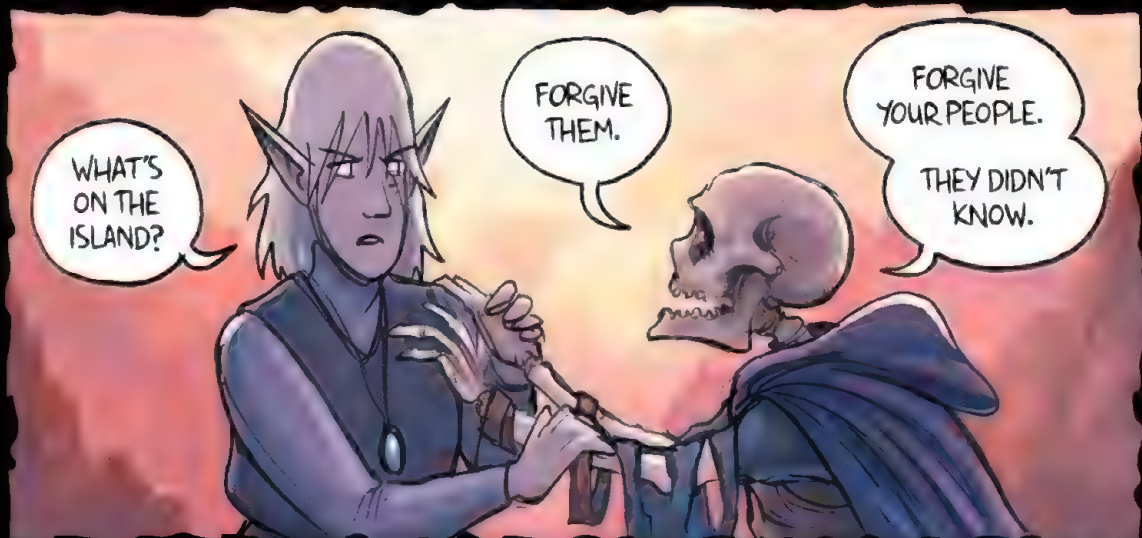


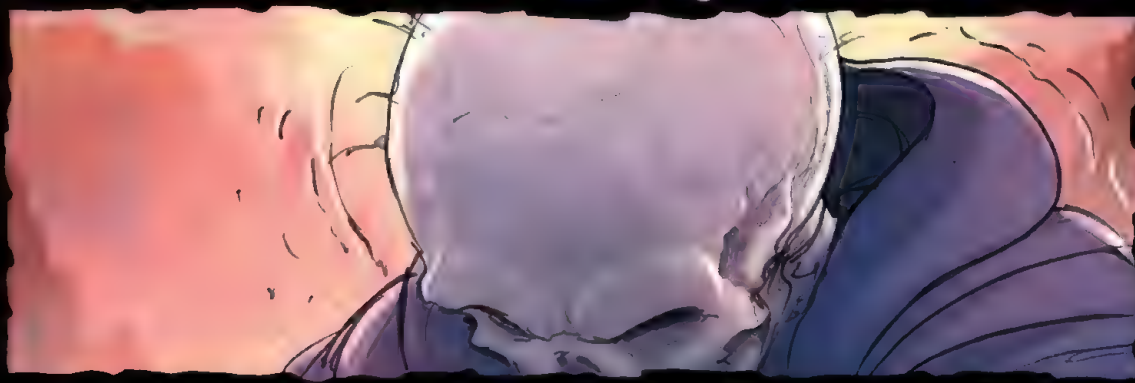
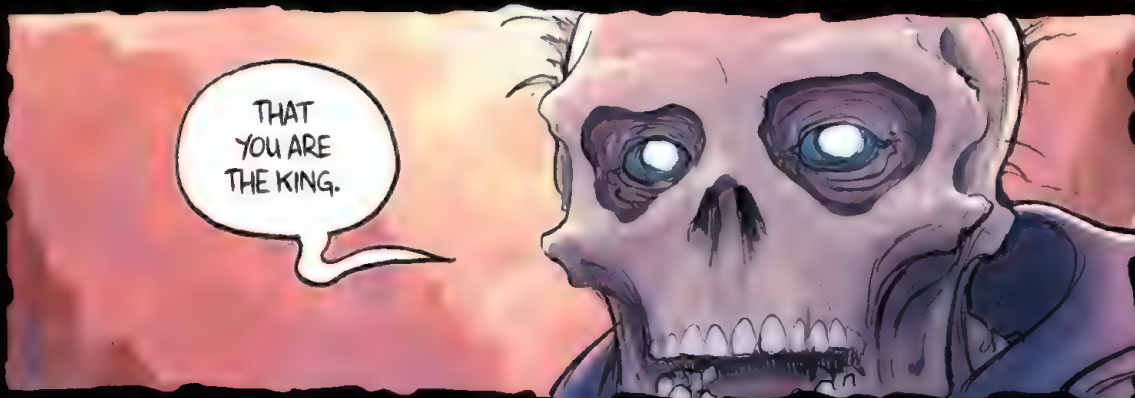
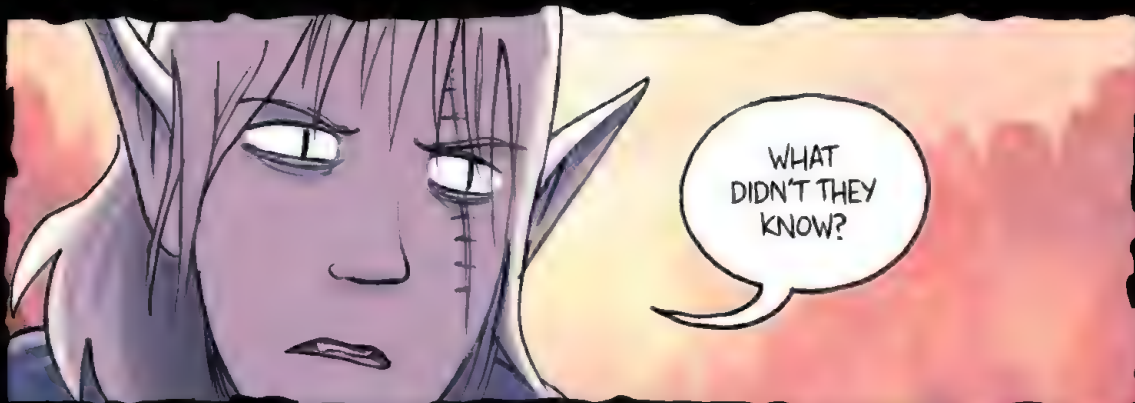
AS YOU
WISH.











DESPITE HIS
SHORTCOMINGS,
MAX WAS A GOOD
HELPER.

BUT HIS LOSS
IS YOUR GAIN, MY
FRIENDS.



WE'RE NOT
YOUR SERVANTS.

AND WE ARE
DEFINITELY NOT
YOUR FRIENDS.



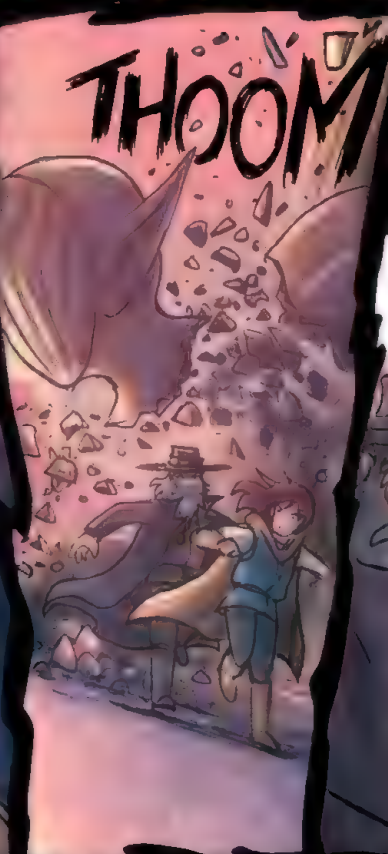
KRAKOOOM!

LOOK
OUT!

THOOM!

THE SHIP YOU BOARDED
WAS KEPT AFLOAT BY
MAX'S CONSIDERABLE
POWERS.

WITH HIM
GONE, THE
SHIP WILL
FALL.



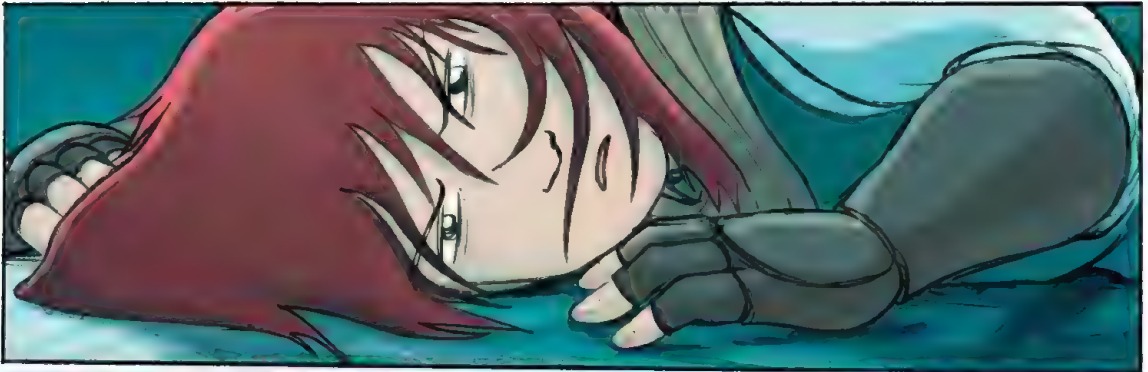
I HAVE DONE WHAT I CAN
TO KEEP THE SHIP FROM
CRASHING, BUT I CAN'T
HOLD IT FOR LONG.

WHY
HELP
US?

I LIKE TO
TAKE CARE OF
MY INVEST-
MENTS.

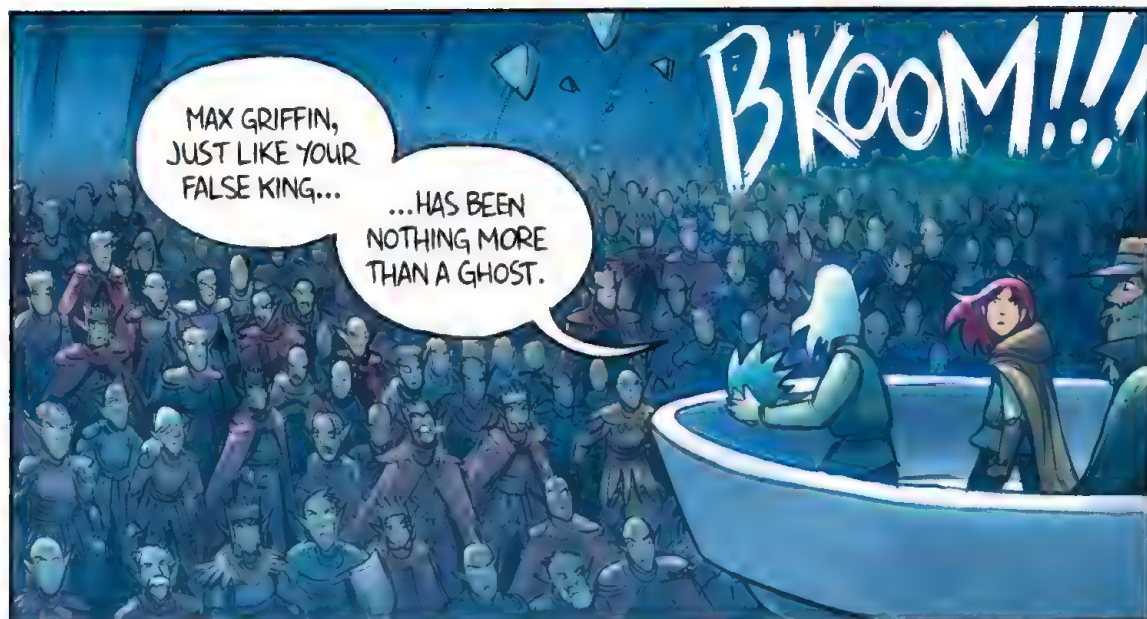
NOW
GO. STAY
ALIVE.





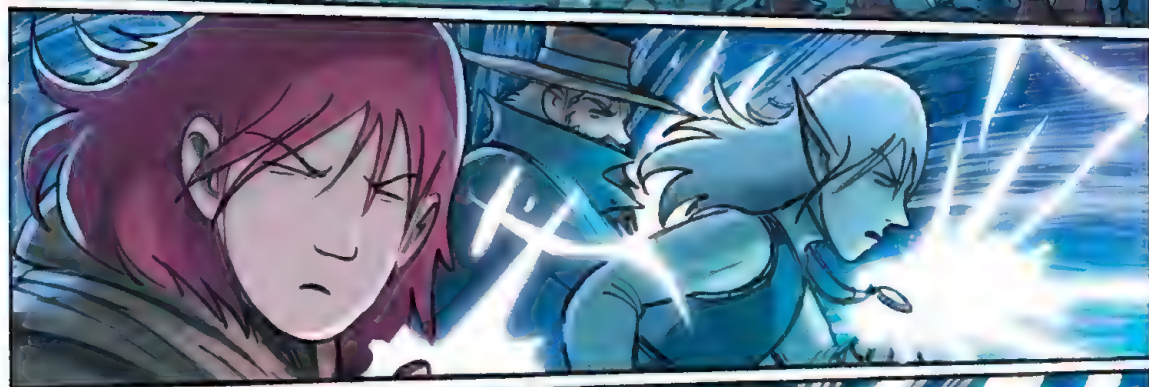
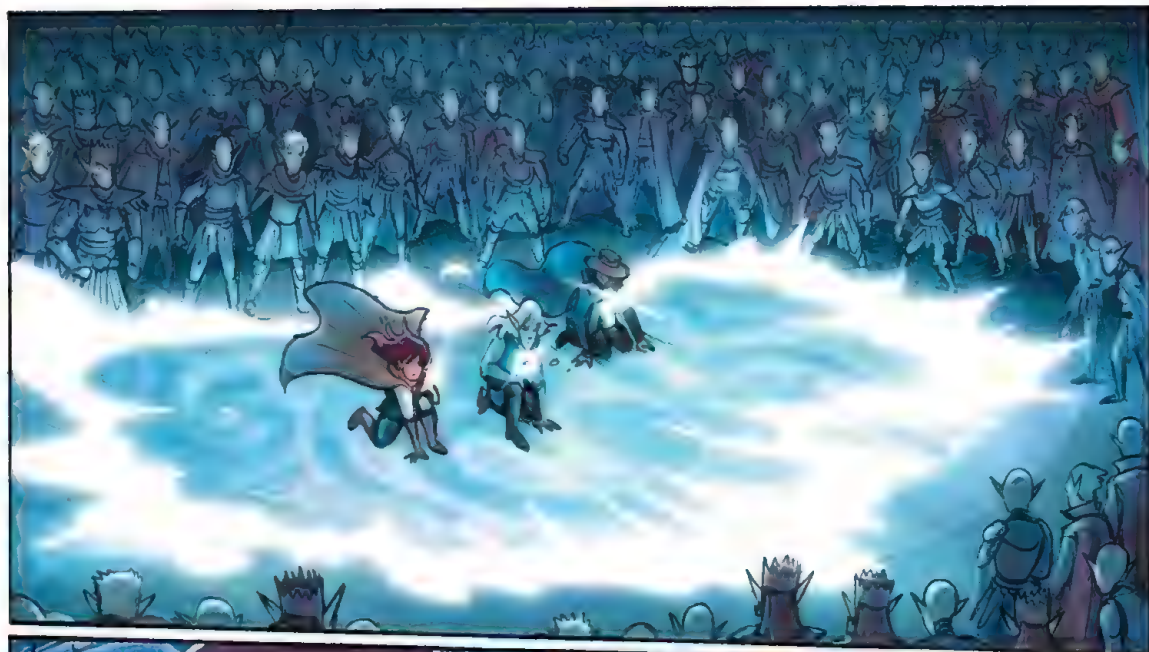




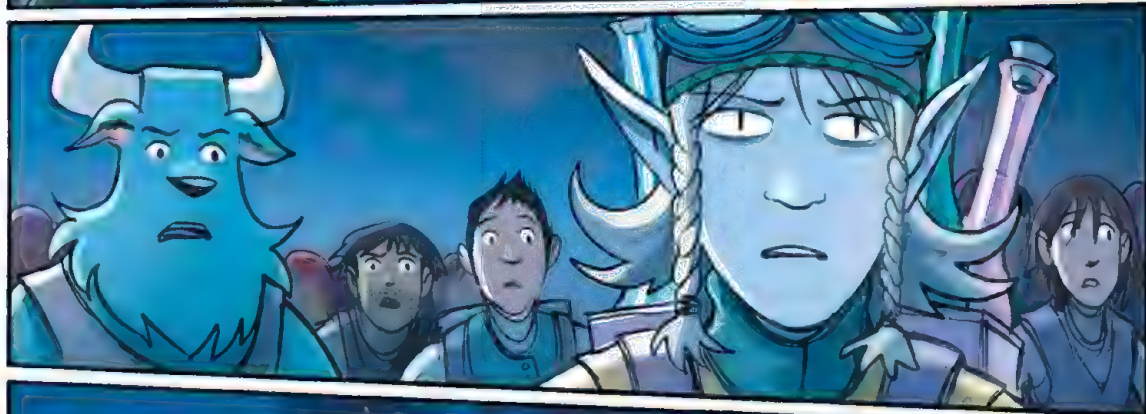




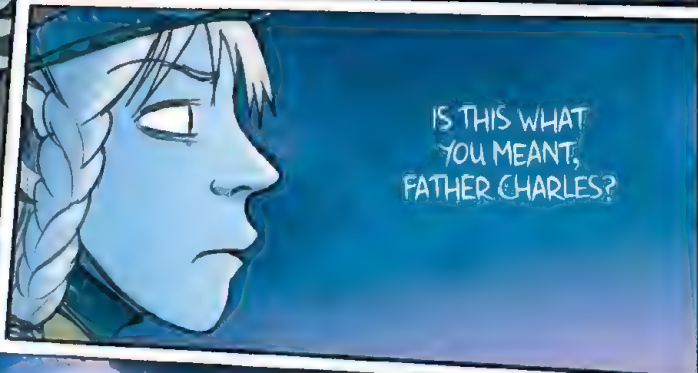


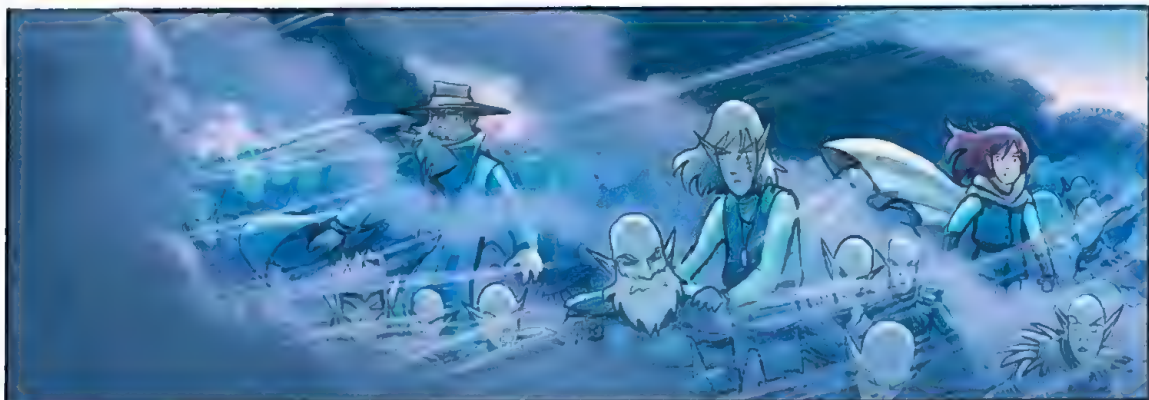


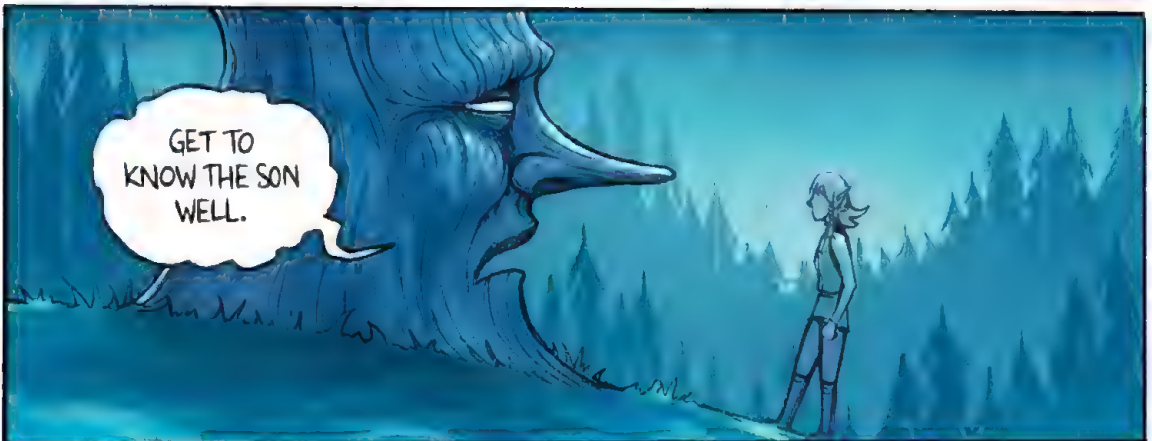
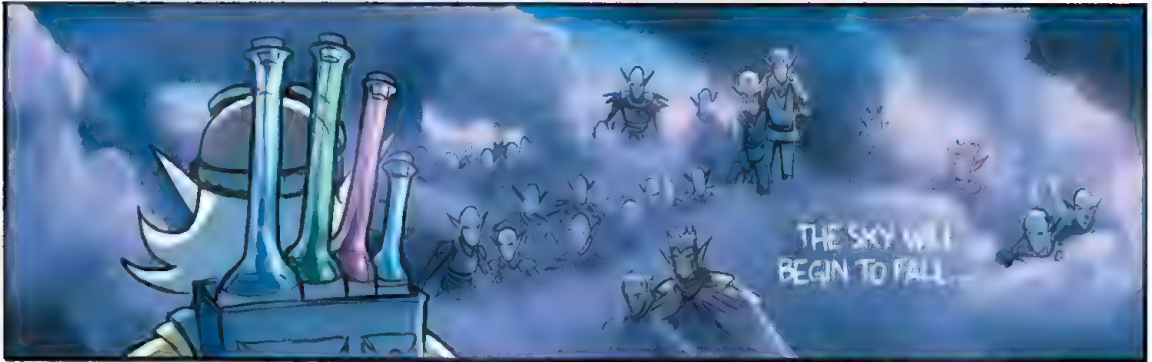
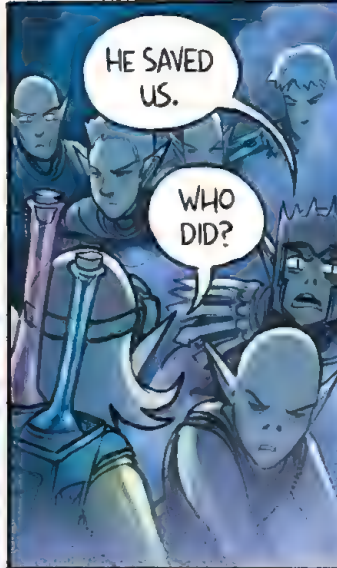




THE SKY WILL
BEGIN TO FALL...











YOU ARE
THE PRINCE.
ARE YOU
NOT?



PLEASE,
JUST CALL
ME TRELLIS.



AHOY
DOWN
THERE!



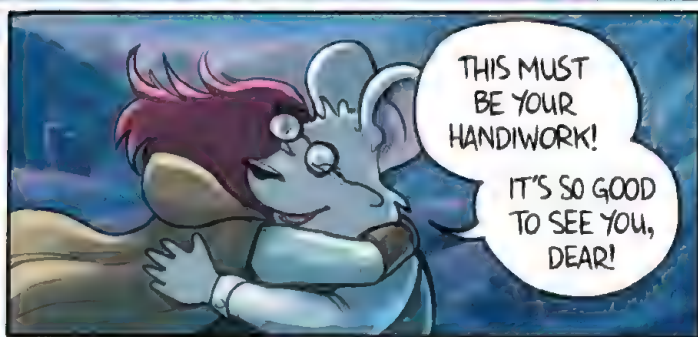
EVERYBODY
LOOKS OKAY!

IT'S AN
ABSOLUTE
MIRACLE!



DOCTOR
WESTON!

EMILY!



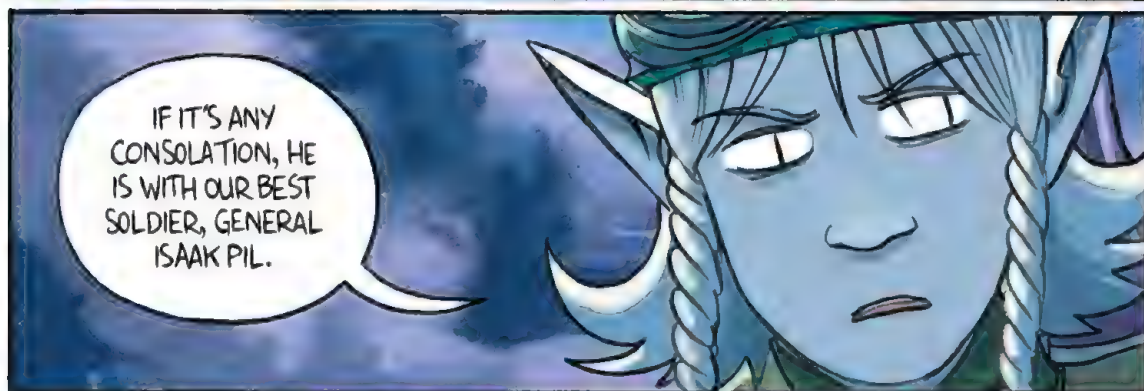
THIS MUST
BE YOUR
HANDIWORK!

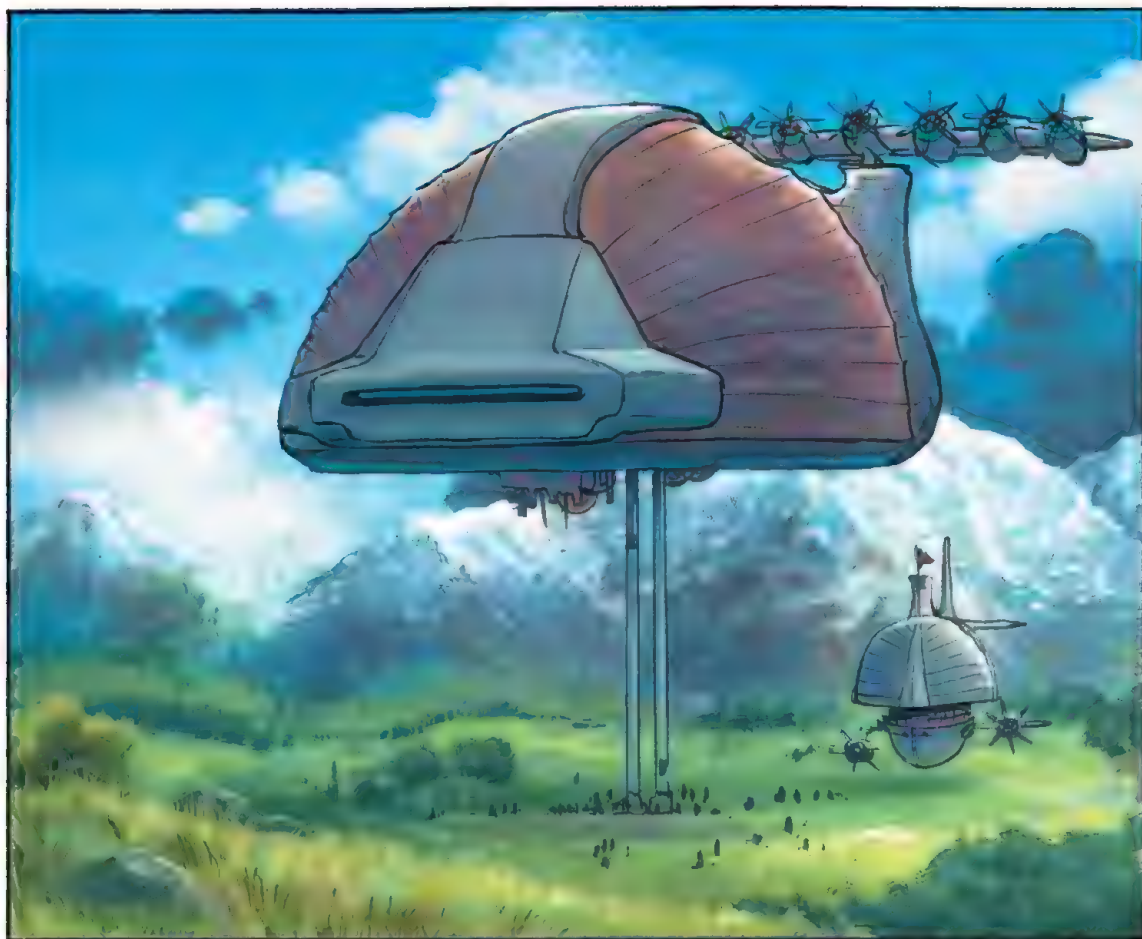
IT'S SO GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
DEAR!

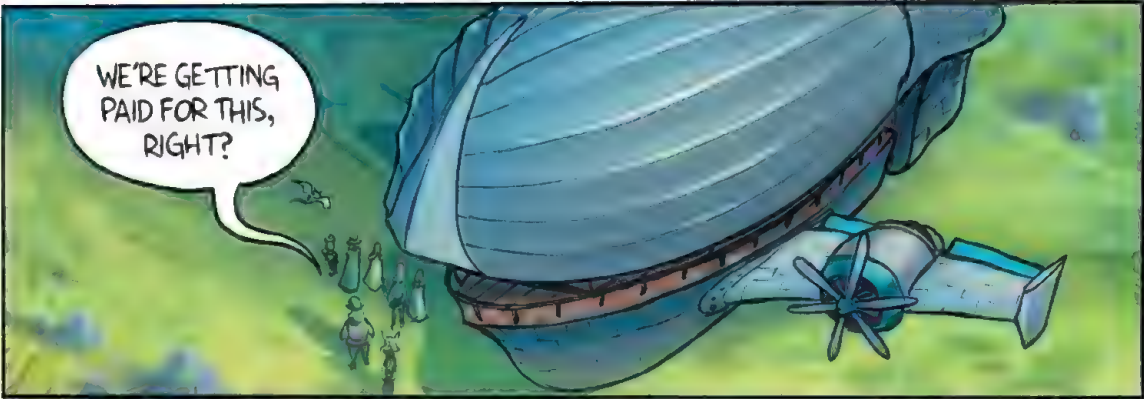


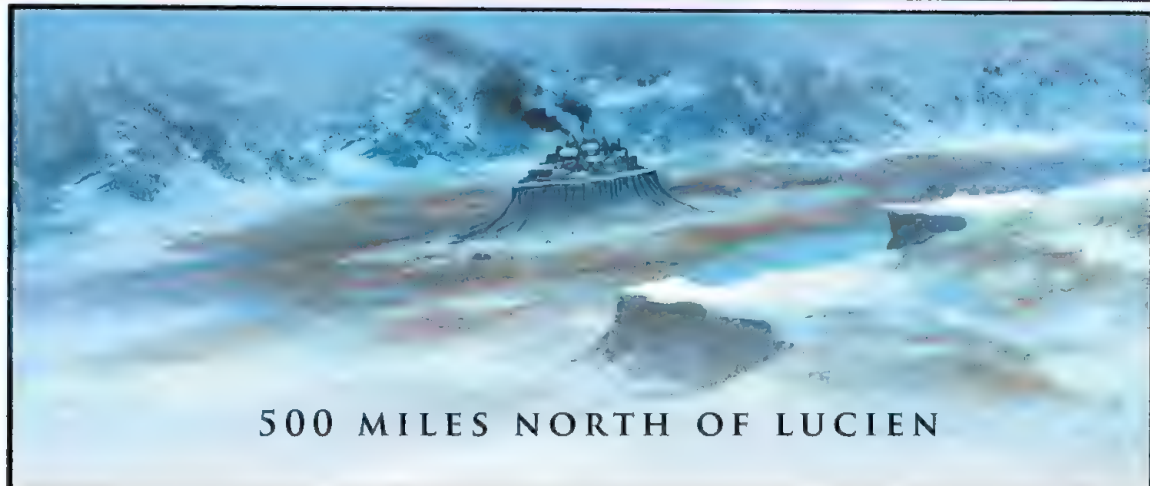
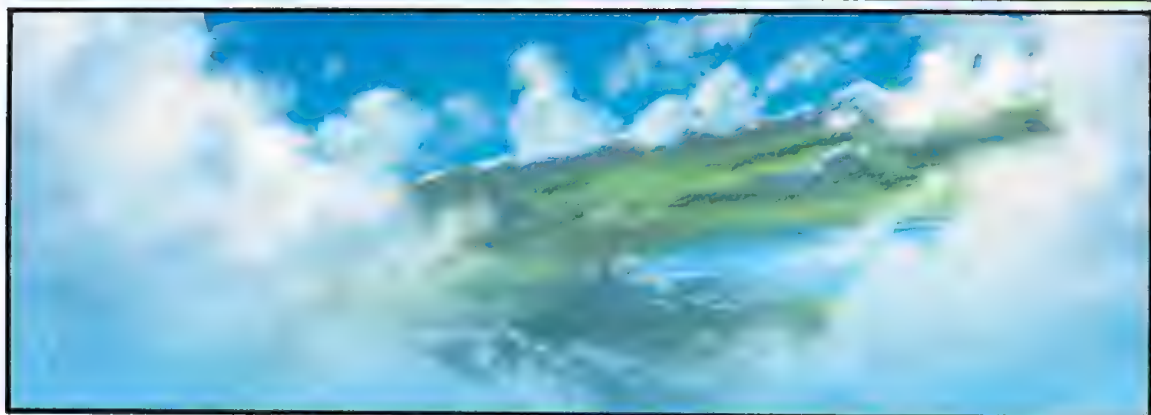
WE SAW
YOUR BROTHER
IN LUCIEN!

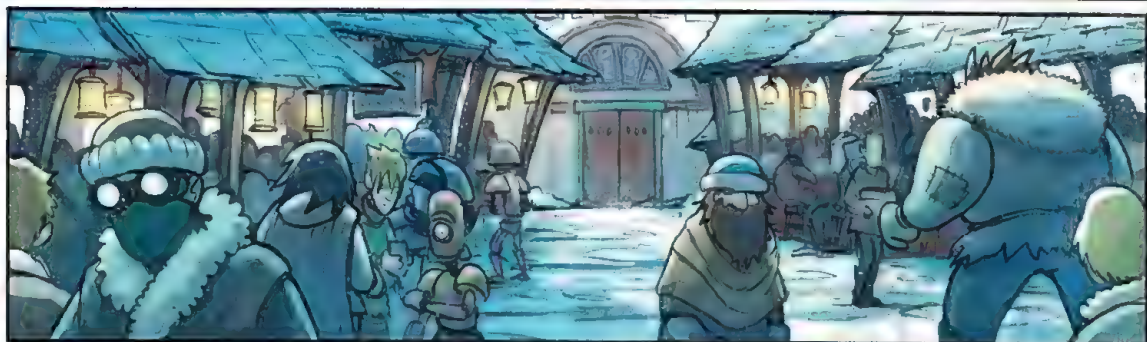
WHERE IS
HE NOW?

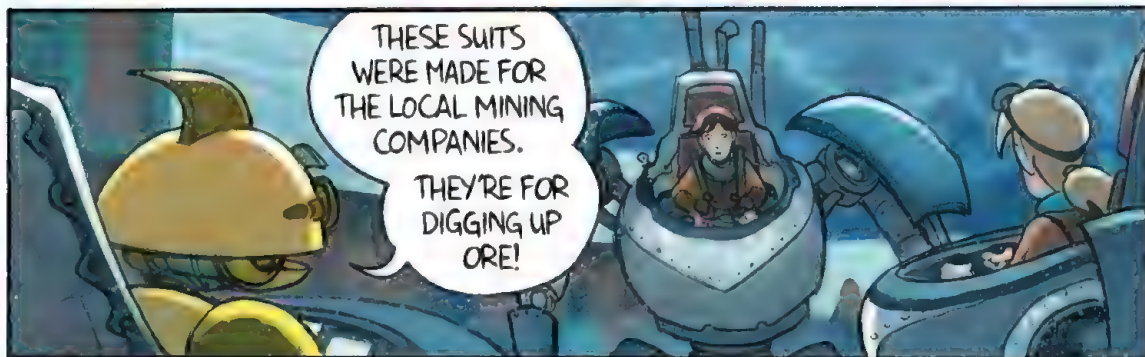
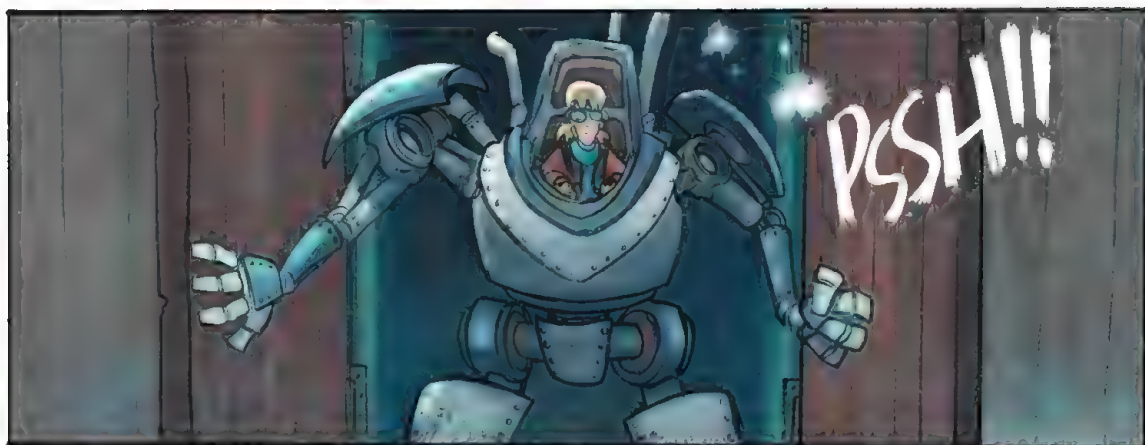


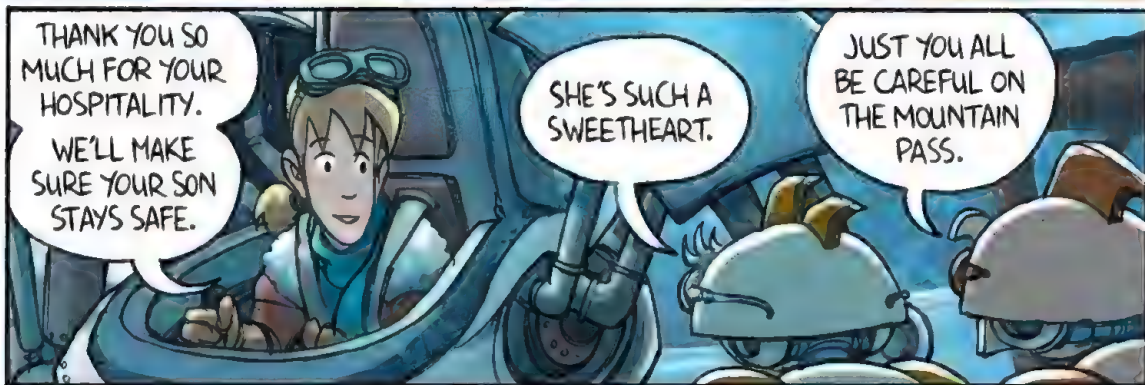
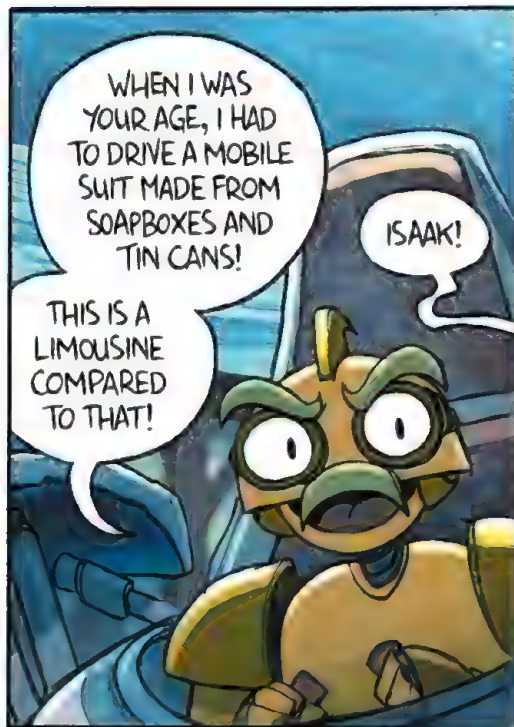














WITHOUT A
TRANSPORE, WE
HAVE A LONG ROAD
BACK TO LUCIEN.

IT MAY TAKE
US WEEKS TO
GET THERE.



WE'RE NOT
GOING BACK
TO LUCIEN.

BY THE TIME
WE GET THERE,
THE OTHERS WILL
BE GONE.

WE'RE GOING
TO VALCOR.

THAT'S WHERE
EMILY IS GOING
TO BE.

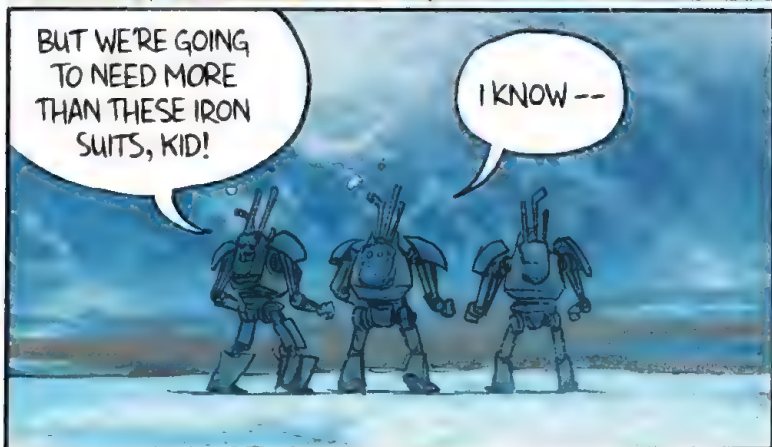


YOU THINK
SHE'S GOING
TO TAKE THE
FIGHT TO THE
ELF KING...



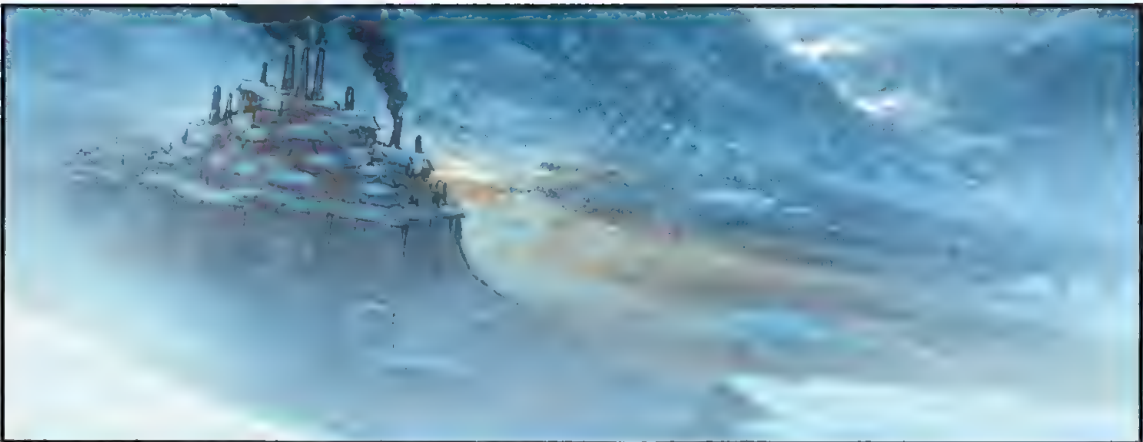
WE CAN
STIR UP SOME
TROUBLE INSIDE
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I LIKE IT!

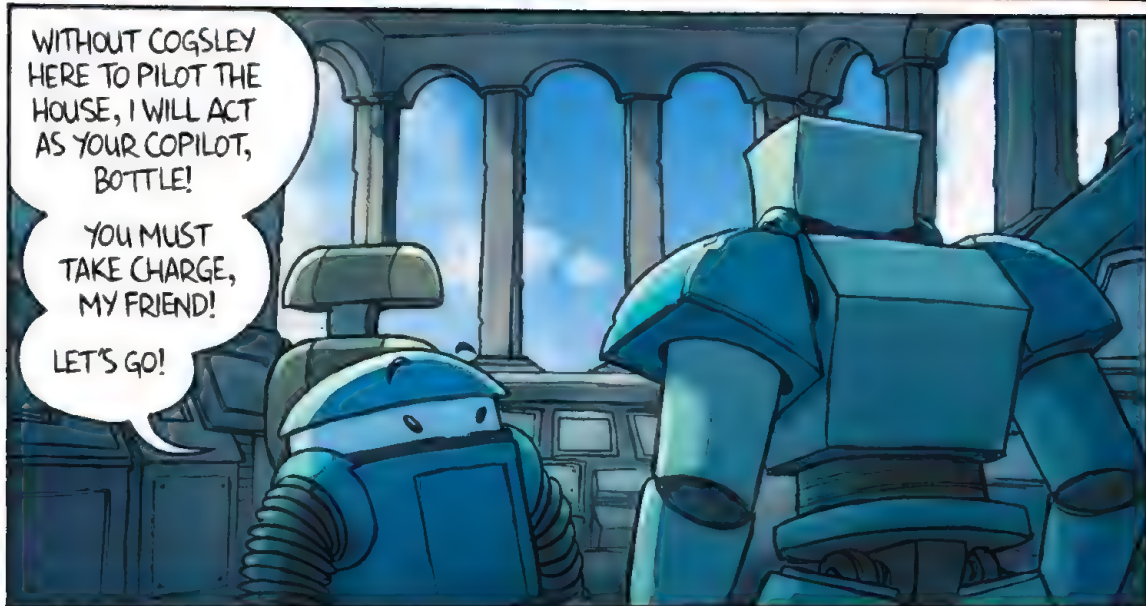
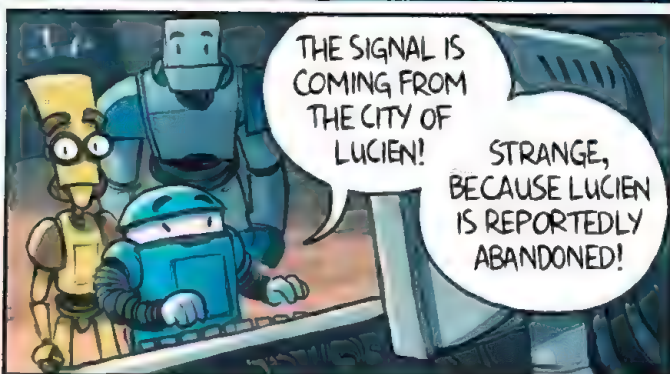
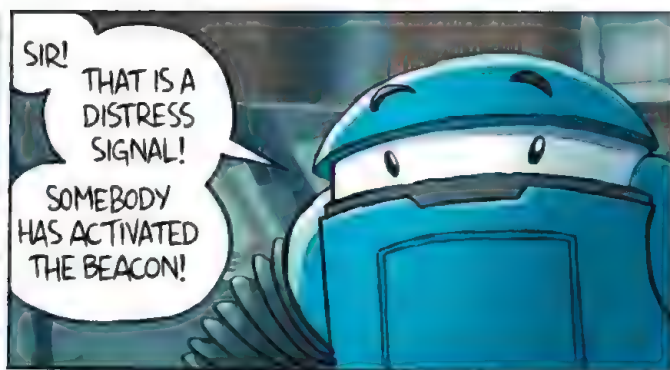


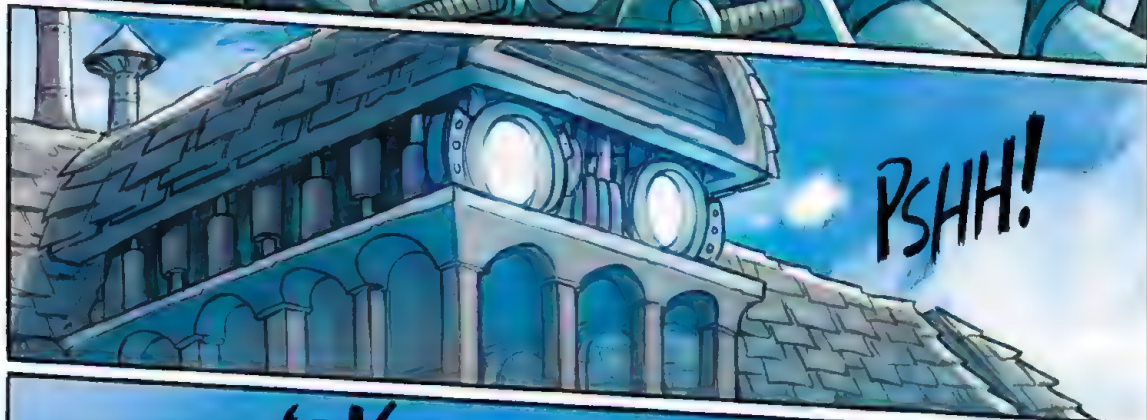
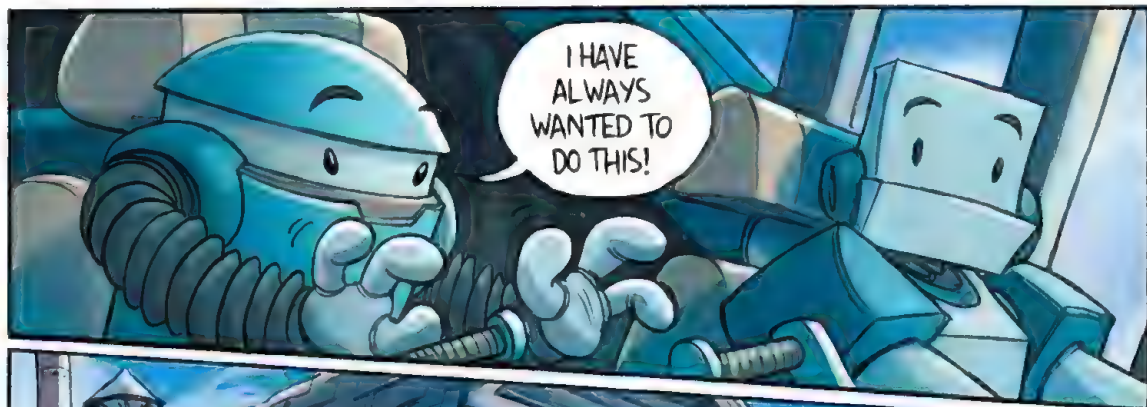
BUT WE'RE GOING
TO NEED MORE
THAN THESE IRON
SUITS, KID!

I KNOW --











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